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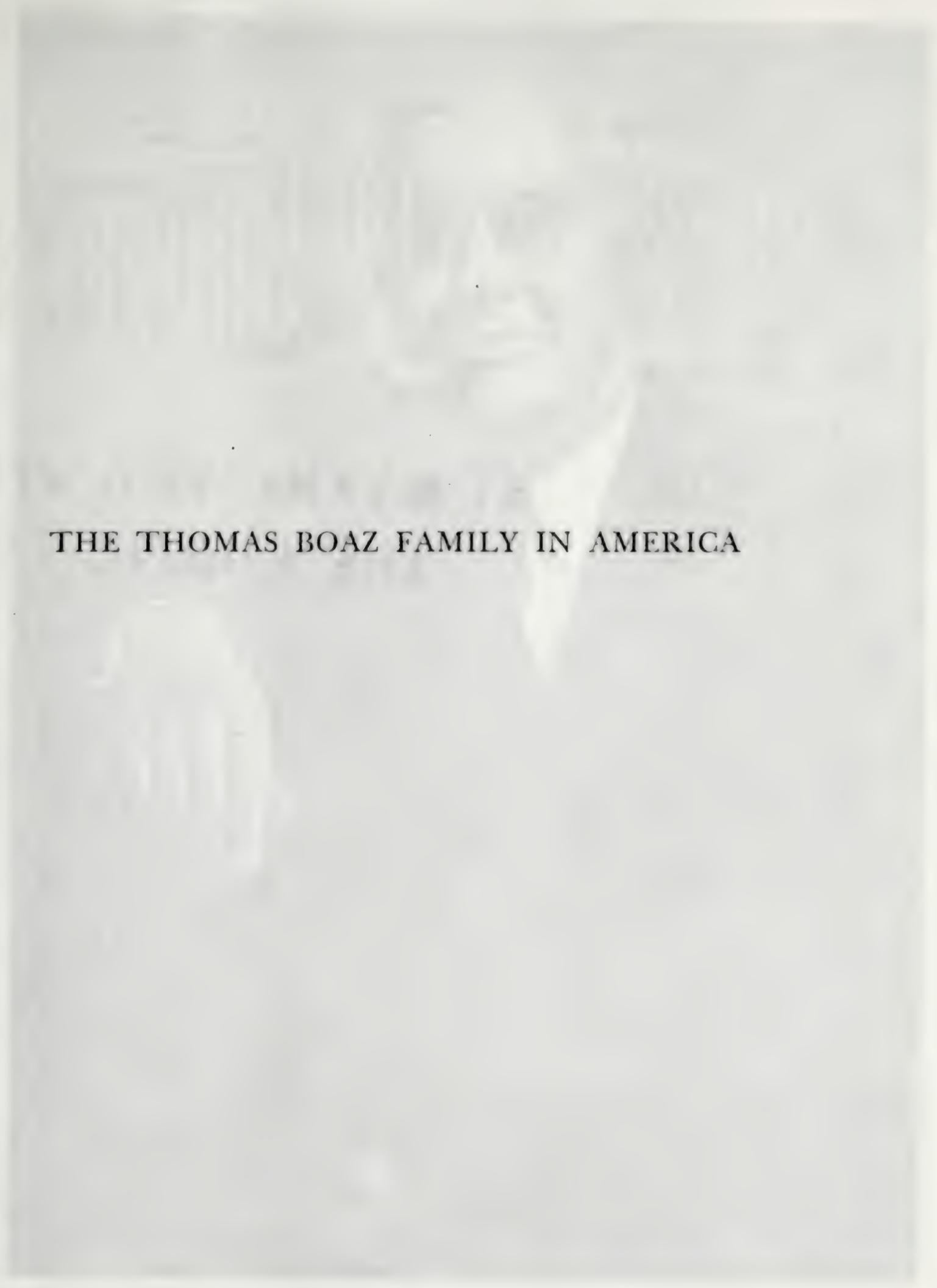
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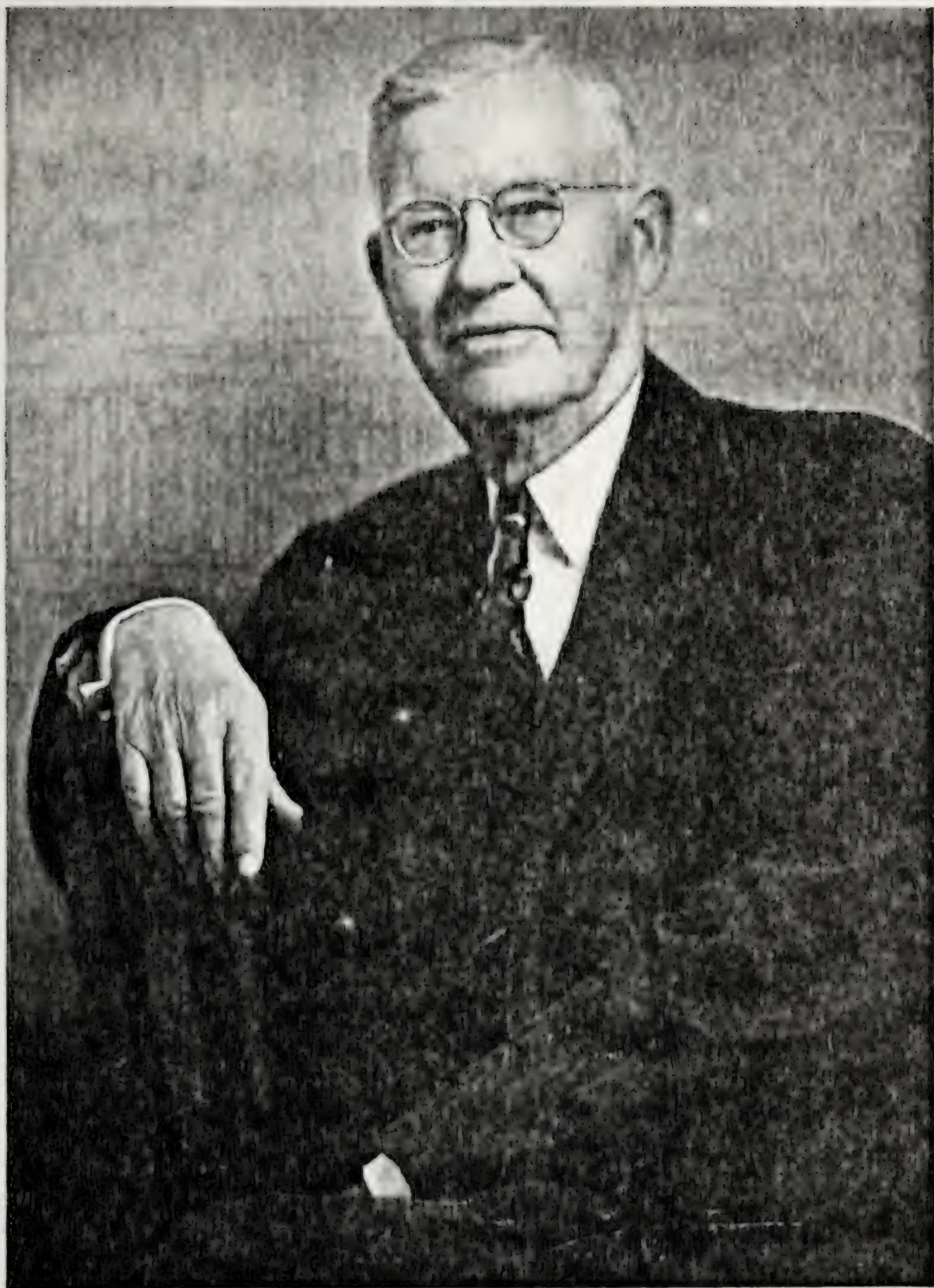
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TO THOMAS BOAZ, 1721-1791, Devotee of Religious and Political Liberty, Born in Scotland, Married in Ireland, Pioneer to America and Founder of the Thomas Boaz Family in America, and to his Wife, Agnes Boaz, and all their Descendants, this Book is Dedicated.

PREFACE

MORE than thirty-five years ago Mr. John D. E. Boaz began gathering information about the Boaz family in America. He traveled extensively and collected quite a lot of valuable data. From government records, wills, land grants, and family Bibles he learned much about the Boaz family and many related families. It was his purpose to put all this information into a book for future use by the people of our name.

After some years he became discouraged and gave up the idea of getting out a book with such information as he had collected. He paid me a visit and told me of his discouragement and offered to sell me all the data he had collected. Believing that this information ought to be preserved, I cheerfully paid him for what he had collected and laid it away for future use. Some of the family charts found in the following pages are as he left them in my hands. This has been necessary because of my inability to get in touch with any member of the family who could give me information bringing the facts down to date.

During the summer of 1947 my wife and I spent three months, mostly in Virginia and Washington, D. C., searching all kinds of records for information concerning our ancestors. Quite a few of our relatives were visited, and from some of them we gleaned valuable facts concerning the Boaz family. All these facts have been carefully tabulated and put in order for record. The aid of trained genealogists was secured in various places. Yet certain dates and facts that had been handed down by word of mouth could not be established from known records. This is deeply regretted. The records of Buckingham County, Virginia, up to 1869, were destroyed by fire. Thomas Boaz settled in that county in 1749 but all records of his transactions had been lost in the fire. The records in Appomattox County up to 1892 were also destroyed by fire. Meshach Boaz, 1752, son of Thomas Boaz I, lived in Appomattox County and was buried there. We visited what was believed to be his old home and saw the grave reputed to be his grave. Yet we could find no records of him or his family, all of them having been destroyed by fire. In all probability the other records we sought and failed to find had been destroyed by the fires of 1869 and 1892.

When I began the preparation of this volume I was under the

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impression that all the people in America bearing our name, with the spelling B-O-A-Z, were descendants of the THOMAS BOAZ who came to America in 1748 and settled in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. I have found in my researches that this was a mistaken idea. It seems certain that others of our name came even before Thomas Boaz arrived. Some Boaz families have the tradition that Thomas Boaz brought two brothers with him. In the Virginia County Records, Volume 6 and on page 30, I found this record: "Christopher Boaz, a planter, conveys land to Nicholas Perry, a merchant, in James City County, Virginia, 1653." That was ninety-five years before our Thomas Boaz arrived. In addition to this fact we are finding people who spell their name as we spell ours and yet cannot trace their ancestry back to any of the sons of Thomas Boaz of Pittsylvania County, Virginia. All information concerning these families that we have been able to secure will be found in this volume.

In this story of the Boaz family in America the simplest and most easily understood method has been used in tracing the lineage of each family. Since Thomas Boaz, 1721-1791, was the first of our family to come to America, and since he and his wife, Agnes, had twelve children and some of them had very large families, each son or daughter of Thomas and Agnes Boaz is taken in order of date of birth and that line is traced down through all the generations to the present time. The next in order is then taken and given the same treatment. It is regretted that so little could be found concerning some members of the family. All that could be found of real interest has been faithfully recorded in the following pages.

No doubt mistakes will be found in some of the genealogical lines on account of insufficient information. Should such mistakes be found the writer would be glad to get the corrections so that at some future time when a more experienced genealogist writes of the Boaz family in America these mistakes can be avoided.

More has been written about some families than others simply because we could not get the information about other families. Had we been able to get the information it would have been properly recorded. The editor-author of this volume has in some cases earnestly sought information from various members of certain lines and the request has not been granted, nor was the letter returned to the writer.

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Since Thomas Boaz I had eight sons and four daughters no specific designation has been given to any one of them. The third generation has been designated by the capital letters of the alphabet, such as A, B, C, etc. The fourth generation by Roman numerals, such as I, II, III, etc. The fifth generation by Arabic numerals, such as 1, 2, 3, etc. The sixth generation by Arabic numerals enclosed by a parenthesis, such as (1), (2), (3), etc. The seventh generation by the small letters of the alphabet, a, b, c, etc. The eighth by the small letters of the alphabet enclosed in a parenthesis, (a), (b), (c), etc. The last generation has no specific designation.

During the summer of 1949 my wife and I again took to the field for May and a good part of June in search of still more information about our people and traveled extensively through Oklahoma, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia. We visited many of our people in all these states and read to them the stories that had been prepared for the book and when necessary corrected the stories and added such information as could be secured from those to whom we read the stories. We did this trying to avoid all possible mistakes. Yet we are sure that some mistakes will be found in what has been written.

Various individuals have had a part in the preparation of the material that has gone into this volume. The record of Edmond Boaz and his family was begun many years ago by John D. E. Boaz and brought down to date by Mrs. T. Adrian Brann, R.F.D. 1, Paris, Tennessee. The story of Daniel Boaz and his descendants was written some time ago by Mrs. Maud Beckham of Farmville, Virginia, one of the descendants of Daniel Boaz. James Boaz and his line of descent was written by Mrs. Myrtle (Boaz) Hairfield, of Critz, Virginia. The line of Shadrach Boaz, 1751, is so varied that many have had a part in its preparation. The line of Shadrach Boaz, 1804, was written by Dr. T. D. Boaz, Jr., of Monroe, Louisiana. Judge Seth T. Boaz of Mayfield, Kentucky, prepared that of James Boaz, 1804-1878, and also that of David Boaz, 1806. Rev. W. T. Boaz, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, wrote the story of Joshua Boaz and his descendants. Mrs. C. C. Gumm of Fort Worth, Texas, gave us the story of Samuel Boaz and his descendants. Sam E. Boaz of Clarksville, Tennessee, is responsible for the information about John James David Boaz, 1868. H. A. Boaz, of Dallas, Texas, prepared the story of David Rutherford Boaz, 1790, and his descendants. He also rearranged and edited

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many of the other stories in order to preserve the continuity of the family stories and to set them in the order used by genealogists. To John D. E. Boaz must be given the credit for starting many of these stories and for getting information available thirty years ago that could not be had today at any price.

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INTRODUCTION

THE family name BO-AZ is ancient in origin and worthy in connection. It is found for the first time in the Old Testament and in the book of Ruth. On account of a famine in Judea, Elimelech, who lived in Bethlehem, and his wife, Naomi, and their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, migrated to Moab in order to get sufficient food. While dwelling there Chilion married Orpah and Mahlon married Ruth, both of the land of Moab. In due time Elimelech and the two sons died, leaving their widows behind. When conditions improved in Judea, Naomi decided to return to her native land and suggested to her two daughters-in-law that they return to their mothers. Orpah returned to her former home but Ruth determined to cling to her mother-in-law, Naomi, using these beautiful words: "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me."

On their return to Bethlehem Ruth gleaned in the fields of Bo-az, a wealthy Bethlehemite, and was soon married to him as the nearest kinsman of her mother-in-law, Naomi. She bore to Bo-az a son and his name was Obed. Obed became the father of Jesse and Jesse became the father of David and David became the father of Solomon who built the Temple.

When Solomon, to the glory of his God, built in the city of Jerusalem that most beautiful Temple the record declares: "And he reared up the pillars before the Temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Bo-az." The pillar called Jachin was to represent strength and Bo-az stood for stability. From that day until the present time Masons have honored the names of Jachin and Bo-az. They stand for two excellent attributes of character, strength and stability.

There are many students of history who devoutly believe the ten lost tribes of Israel migrated to England, Scotland, and Ireland about six centuries before the Christian era. Mr. C. A. L. Totten has written extensively in defense of this thesis. Rev. J. H. Allen has written a most intriguing volume on the same theory and brings

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many convincing facts from the Bible and history to confirm his thesis. He believes the English, Irish, and Scotch people, now known as Anglo-Saxons, are the lineal descendants of the ten lost tribes of Israel and that the throne of England is the true successor of the throne of David. Queen Elizabeth held that opinion in her day and many hold it at this time. It must be said, however, that the ablest scholars hold that the ten lost tribes of Israel were absorbed in Assyria and other lands. Whether the theory be true or false it is well known that people bearing the name of Boaz have for a long time lived in England, Ireland, and Scotland.

In the early days of English history the family name was spelled in several different ways, such as Boaz, Boaze, Boas, Boase, Boze, Bowes, Bows, all belonging to the same family. The different spellings would readily find the same pronunciation. English genealogists tell us that the different spellings of the same name may be accounted for by tax collectors, who spelled the name as it sounded to them and so wrote it down for their records. The maiden name of the reigning queen of England today was Miss Bowes-Lyon.

In the southwestern part of the British Isles, in the section known as Cornwall, there are numerous people who spell their name Boaz. The Boaz family in America has for its earliest ancestor of whom we have definite and positive information, Thomas Boaz, who was born in Scotland. It may be that he, or some of his ancestors, migrated to Scotland from Cornwall, England. In all probability this is true but of this fact we have no positive information.

About two hundred years before Thomas Boaz was born, the noted Presbyterian divine, John Knox, lived and preached in Scotland. Under the influence of John Calvin he had quit his orders in the Catholic Church and had become what was known in those days as a "Presbyterian Dissenter." By his eloquence and zeal he won many disciples. His influence was far and wide. His first wife, by whom he had two sons, was a Miss Marjorie *Bowes*. Our first ancestor with whom we are familiar, Thomas Boaz, was also a "Presbyterian Dissenter." It is probable that he believed that he was in some way related to John and Marjorie *Bowes* Knox and that he ought to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious ancestors. This is only a conjecture; it may be true, or it may be in error. Since the history of the Boaz family in America dates back a little more than two hundred years it must be admitted that we have no definite

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proof, unless it be in the name, that we are descended from such illustrious ancestors.

In America the people bearing the family name of Boaz are usually in the great middle class of society. They have not sat in the seats of the mighty nor dwelt in the hovels of the lowly. They have been prosperous and successful. They have helped to bear the heat and burden of civilization. They have helped to form the bone and sinew of society. The first Boaz named in the Bible was a wealthy farmer and a "mighty man." In America many of the people bearing this name have been wealthy farmers and have helped to produce the food and clothing for the nation. They have cultivated farms, grown orchards, produced livestock, and done many other things to promote the best order of civilization. They have been teachers, engineers, merchants, lawyers, doctors, and ministers of the Gospel. Some of them have been lawmakers and rendered fine service in legislative assemblies. Only a few, however, have been active in political circles and therefore not many of this name have held high offices in state or nation.

The men bearing this name in America have always been good soldiers. While men of peace and good will they have fought in all wars waged by their country from the Revolutionary War down to and through World War II. We have the records of four Boaz men who fought in the War of the Revolution, and tradition tells us of two more by the same name who were in that early struggle for our American freedom. The records of the two latter men were, no doubt, destroyed in the fires at Buckingham and Appomattox. Some fought in the War of 1812 and many in the War between the States; many more in World War I and World War II. They have always been patriotic and ready to defend their freedom.

Physically the Boaz men and women are usually, though not always, tall, robust, strong, and capable of great endurance. They have blue or brown eyes, well-formed heads, light or dark hair, and bodies free from physical defects. Many of them are frugal like the Scotch, generous like the Irish, and strong and stable like the English. They have in them the blood of these three nations. These strains when properly blended make a fine citizen of high type.

Religiously they are well disposed. Thomas Boaz I was a Presbyterian and many of his descendants in America followed in his steps and belonged to that Church. Many became Primitive Baptists and there were several noted Baptist preachers in the family of that

faith. There are Missionary Baptist preachers and preachers of the Disciples among us today. Quite a few Methodist preachers also are to be found among the Boaz people. The Christian names given to the Boaz children indicate a fondness for Bible names. Thomas Boaz I had eight sons and to six of them he gave Bible names. He set a good example and his children followed after him in giving names to their children. A list of some of them is interesting: Abraham, Aaron, David, Daniel, Benjamin, James, Jessie, Mary, Martha, Joshua, Josiah, Hezekiah, Joseph, Clement, Elihu, Ruth, Peter, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Hiram Abiff, Lydia, and many others. Perhaps this tendency to give Bible names grew out of the fact that the surname was a Bible name. It is good to know that they believed in God and accepted the Bible as the word of God.

The blood of the pioneer has always flowed in the veins of the Boaz people. They seem to delight in seeking new countries and searching for the better things of life. They have always loved religious and political freedom. They have never been willing to wear the yoke of serfdom. They have stood for their rights and, if necessary, been willing to fight for them. The first Thomas Boaz that we know about left his native Scotland and migrated to Ireland in search of freedom. Finding religious persecutions in Ireland, he left his adopted country and came to America, where he was sure of finding what his honest heart longed for, religious and political freedom. Having found in America the objects of his search, his sons and daughters coming after him still had the blood of the pioneer in their veins and continued their migrations into North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Alabama, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. In many of these states towns and villages have been named Boaz in honor of the first settlers or the most prominent citizen of the community. Since there are no more new lands for them to explore, let us hope that they will be always in search of better ways of life and leading into that vast region of a nobler and better world for all mankind.

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CHAPTER I

THOMAS BOAZ, 1721-1791

THOMAS BOAZ was born in Scotland in 1721 and there grew to early manhood. While Thomas was in his youth George II came to the throne of England. Scotland was under the dominion of the English throne. The Scotch people were more or less bitter against the king because he had denied to them some of their political and religious rights. Young Thomas Boaz was a Presbyterian and loved religious freedom, which he believed had been denied him and his people. Meeting with persecutions from the Church of England, along with many others of his faith, he immigrated to Ireland hoping to find there freedom from such persecutions. He soon met and married an Irish lassie whose Christian name was Agnes. Her surname has been lost from the records. While in Ireland four sons were born to this happy union: Thomas II, 1743; Archibald, 1744; Edmond, 1745; and Daniel, 1746.

Having escaped religious persecutions in Scotland, due to pressure from the Church of England, he ran into similar troubles in Ireland, this time from another source, the Catholic Church. Many Scotch people had migrated to Ireland for the same reason that carried Thomas Boaz and all of them were meeting with religious persecutions. One historian records these facts as follows: "The Scotch who settled in the north of Ireland during the first quarter of the eighteenth century became restless under the persecutions to which they were subjected under the reign of Queen Anne, and emigrated to America in great numbers. In 1737 they applied to Governor Gooch for permission to settle in the Valley of Virginia, promising to hold the western front against the Indians and imposing but one condition, 'that they might be allowed to have the liberty of their conscience and of worshipping God in a way agreeable to the principals of their education.' The governor returned a favorable answer and soon the Valley from Pennsylvania to the North Carolina line was filled with this hardy race which overflowed the mountains and gave tone and character to the Piedmont counties." Along with this class of hardy pioneers came Thomas and Agnes Boaz with their four young sons, Thomas, Archibald, Edmond, and Daniel. Just where

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they landed about 1747 or 1748 is not known, perhaps at Norfolk, or some other Virginia port.

The tidewater counties of Virginia were settled first and largely by English people of the cavalier class. Many of them held large estates and numerous slaves. They developed an aristocracy that vied with the viceregal court of the Governor at Williamsburg. They prided themselves on being loyal to the king and the established throne of England. Many were sons of the English gentry, some were merchants, some belonged to the class of the yeomanry, nearly all of them from "Merry Old England." Large land grants had been made to their ancestors and many of them were rich in land and slaves. The "Colonial Gentleman" had already appeared in Virginia and a new civilization was in the making.

The tidewater lands being already fairly well occupied when the Scotch-Irish, Germans, French Huguenots, and others came to this country, they settled farther west, taking what is now the western part of the state of Virginia. Thomas Boaz and his family stopped for a time in what is now Buckingham County, where their son, James, was born in May, 1749, the first son to be born in America. Papers signed by James Boaz when he received his pension as a Revolutionary soldier recite the fact that he was born in Buckingham County in May, 1749. After a brief sojourn in Buckingham County, Thomas and Agnes Boaz moved to what is now Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and remained there up to the time of their death. Some of their descendants still live in that county while others moved to other states in the Union.

Often have I tried to guess at the significance of the naming of the children in this interesting family. Thomas Boaz I was, no doubt, an earnest student of the Bible and a great admirer of some of the Old Testament heroes. When Daniel was born in Ireland, 1746, his father was undergoing religious persecutions from the Roman Catholic Church. It may be that Daniel was a favorite name with the antecedents of the Boaz family. But it appears more likely that Thomas Boaz I had been told by the authorities of the Church in Ireland that he must not worship God according to the forms used by the Presbyterians of his day. Referring to the Book of Daniel, chapter 6, verse 10, we read: "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his window being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." Daniel

had been threatened with death if he continued in this practice yet he continued to worship God in accordance with the customs of his fathers. Daniel won his case by a miraculous deliverance from the den of lions. It may be that Thomas Boaz I had been threatened if he continued to worship God as he had been in the habit of doing and for this reason named his fourth son after the Old Testament hero, Daniel.

The next four sons were born in America, James, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. At that time in eastern Virginia all citizens were required to register their meetinghouse and to pay dues to the Established Church. If they failed in this they were fined, or if they failed to attend church services. No person could be legally married unless married by the minister of the State Church. Some relaxation from these vigorous provisions had been granted to the settlers of western Virginia by Governor Gooch. Yet it is easy to imagine Thomas Boaz resenting such restrictions of his religious freedom and naming his sons after Old Testament heroes after reading in the third chapter of Daniel the following words: "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer you in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." Suffering restrictions of his religious rights it would be easy to name his sons after such heroes of the faith.

When Thomas Boaz I and his family arrived in the New World he found John Robinson president of the council that governed Virginia. Men who later became famous were then unknown. Thomas Jefferson was only seven years old. Patrick Henry was thirteen and George Washington was eighteen. None of them had yet reached voting age. Daniel Boone did not leave for Kentucky for twenty five years after the Boaz family arrived in America. Some of them followed him to Kentucky at a later date.

The Scotch-Irish (among whom were Thomas and Agnes Boaz) and German settlers in western Virginia were a hardy lot. They had in them the blood of the pioneer. They were bold and venturesome. Their homes were built of logs and covered with clapboards, poles being used to hold the roofs in place. The floors were often of dirt and they had but little furniture brought out from the old coun-

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try. The men abandoned knee breeches and wore long trousers made of homespun material. Their shirts were often made of buckskin. The women often worked in the fields and became skillful in the use of the scythe. Savage Indians were in the West and had to be held back. Primeval forests were all about them and virgin soil was awaiting the plow of the farmer. Everything was new and untried. But they were in search of religious and political freedom and happy in their search. Thomas Boaz thrived under such conditions.

From records in the State Land Office in Richmond, Virginia, the following facts have been found: On May 23, 1763, Thomas Boaz patented 1,577 acres of land in Halifax County, on both sides of Stewart's Creek, book 35, page 138, and book 15, page 13. Pittsylvania County was cut off from Halifax County in 1767. This land was then in what is now known as Pittsylvania County, Virginia, where Thomas and Agnes Boaz had settled and where they lived to the end of their days. In book 30, page 362, dated June 7, 1780, we find that he patented 408 acres adjoining the land of James Boaz, his son. On the next day, June 8, 1780, as found in book 30, page 364, he patented 262 acres adjoining the land of James Boaz, Smith, Maxwell, and others. In book 30, page 42, and in book 1, page 4, we find that on April 1, 1784, he again patented 500 acres on branches of Stewart's Creek, adjoining the land owned by Shadrach Boaz. In book 30, page 61, and in book 25, page 41, we find that on September 1, 1791, he patented 61 acres adjoining McGambell and others. This makes a total of more than 2,800 acres of land Thomas Boaz patented in Pittsylvania County. He appeared land hungry, thrifty, and prosperous. He must have been in possession of a greater part of this land at the time of his death. Only one deed have I been able to find from him and that to his son, Thomas Boaz, Junior, made in 1758. And that was for only one hundred acres in Albemarle County, a part of which later became Buckingham County, where Thomas Boaz lived for a brief time.

Thomas Boaz I was too old to fight in the Revolutionary War yet his descendants are entitled to membership in Sons of American Revolution or Daughters of American Revolution. In the courthouse records at Chatham, Pittsylvania County, Virginia, may be found in Order Book No. 4, July Court, 1777, and March Court, 1783, Thomas Boaz was appointed surveyor of roads in place of James Fulton and took the oath of allegiance. In the same Order Book it appears that he served on the grand jury in the November Court, 1777, and also

in the May Court, 1783. The D.A.R. Magazine of March, 1930, lists Thomas Boaz as a Pittsylvania County patriot.

In the court records at Chatham I found the inventory of Thomas Boaz I, dated January 16, 1795. This inventory was, no doubt, made soon after his death. It covers four full pages and includes many things in use at that time. Some of the things listed are: eleven Negroes, sixty hogs, nine horses, twenty-seven sheep, thirty-nine geese, forty-four head of cattle, oxcarts, powder tubes, desks, chairs, money scales, books, flesh forks, quilts, and many kinds of tools and all the accessories needed on a farm at that time. Houses and lands are included but the number of acres is not stated. The inventory of his widow, Agnes Boaz, was not made until July, 1823. From this it appears that she lived to a very ripe old age. Her inventory is similar to that made by her husband, including candlesticks, looking glasses, churns, several pewter basins, feather beds, chests, and many other items in use in those days of long ago.

On three different occasions during the summer of 1947 my wife and I visited Chatham and in the clerk's office searched diligently for information concerning the Boaz family. We secured the aid of Mrs. James S. Jones, a registered genealogist, and with her assistance found many things of much interest in those records. We found more than one hundred different deeds to and from members of the Boaz family, more than twenty Boaz marriages recorded, wills, inventories, and many other things of interest. We visited some Boaz families out in the country to find them much interested in what we were doing. The entire county seemed to have a peculiar charm for me since it had been the home of my father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and my great-great-grandfather. We found the will of my great-grandfather, Shadrach Boaz, and had it copied for future use. The deed made by my grandfather, David R. Boaz, when he sold out to move to Kentucky in 1849, was also copied for future reference. We found records of many of our tribe about whom we had previous information and some of our name of whom we knew nothing whatever and have not yet been able to fit them into the story now being written.

During the summer of 1949 we again visited Chatham, the county seat of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and had fellowship with many of the Boaz people in that section.

On Sunday, June 19, the writer had the privilege of attending the dedication of the Swansonville Methodist Church by Bishop W. W.

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Peele and was given a part in that beautiful service. Many of the Boaz clan were in attendance.

In the afternoon of that day several of the Boaz family went with me to visit a cemetery on the old Thomas Boaz estate which had been established just two hundred years ago, 1749. The old home built by Thomas Boaz I had been removed and a more modern house put in its place. Great oak trees were in the yard, some of them four feet in diameter. About four hundred yards from the spot where the old home once stood we found a number of graves marked only by small stones and without any lettering of any kind. Modern tombstones were unknown in that section of Virginia in those early days.

At the head of one of the graves we found an old stone with the following significant lettering:

T. B. BORN SEP. 27, 1721.

D (I) ED, SEP. 13, 1791.

There is no doubt in the mind of the writer that this stone marked the burial spot of Thomas Boaz, who came to this country in 1718 and settled in Pittsylvania County in 1749 and soon had in his possession more than twenty-eight hundred acres of Virginia soil. The present owner of that old farm, Mrs. Sam W. Adams, did not know who had been buried in that ancient cemetery but to the writer that was an important find. That old cemetery must be recovered and modern tombstones set beside the crude markers of that ancient day.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND AGNES BOAZ

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| Thomas II, 1743 | Gemima, 1747 | Polly, 1753 |
| Archibald, 1744 | James, 1749 | Abednego, 1754 |
| Edmond, 1745 | Shadrach, 1751 | Agnes, 1755 |
| Daniel, 1746 | Meshach, 1752 | Nellie, 1756 |

CHAPTER II

THOMAS BOAZ II, 1743-1813

THOMAS BOAZ II, son of Thomas and Agnes Boaz, was born in Ireland, 1743, and brought to this country by his parents about 1748 or 1749. Very little is known about him. Being the first son, it appears that he was held in high esteem by his parents. The first deed from Thomas Boaz I was made to his son, Thomas Boaz, Junior. It may be found in the Albemarle County records on page 74, Deed Book No. 2. Thomas Boaz, Senior, was then living in what is now Buckingham County (at that time Albemarle) and his son, Thomas, in Lunenburg County. Buckingham County was taken from Albemarle County in 1761. It appears that a mistake has been made in the dates, for at that time Thomas Boaz, Junior, was only fifteen years of age. The deed was dated November 9, 1758.

This deed recites: "For Divers Good Causes, considerations but more Especially for the love and Good will I bear to my son, Thomas, Junior, of the aloresaid county (Lunenburg) Have Given, Granted and confirmed and do by these presents Give, Grant and make over, and confirm unto the said Thomas Boaz, Junior, his heirs and assigns forever one tract or parcel of Land containing by estimation one hundred acres be it more or less, situate, and lying and being on the north side of Appomattox River etc." (Punctuation and Capitalization used by attorney of that day.)

It appears that Thomas Boaz II never married. No record of his marriage could be found. He must have moved from Lunenburg County at some later date to Pittsylvania County in order to be near his parents. In Will and Deed Book No. 11, in Pittsylvania County, we found the will of Thomas Boaz (supposed to be the one from Lunenburg County) leaving his entire estate to two of his nephews, Boaz Frizzle, the son of Isaac and Lydia (Boaz) Frizzle, and James Boaz, the son of Daniel Boaz. The will was probated on June 11, 1813.

CHAPTER III

ARCHIBALD BOAZ, 1744- (?)

ARCHIBALD BOAZ, the second son of Thomas and Agnes Boaz, was born in Ireland, 1744, and brought by his parents to this country. But little has been found concerning the first son, Thomas Boaz II, and still less about the second son, Archibald. Index books for marriages, wills, inventories, order books, and deeds have been searched and nothing in any of them has been found concerning this man except in Deed Book 10, page 522, Chatham Courthouse. There we find a deed, dated January 2, 1797, from John Hall to Archibald Boaz for one hundred acres of land in Pittsylvania County, the sum to be paid, fifty pounds sterling. The boundaries of such land are noted in the deed, of course.

In the same deed book and on the same page we find dated just three days later, January 5, 1797, a deed from Archibald Boaz to William Rickett for the same tract of land with the same boundaries suggested as above and for twelve pounds sterling. The deed was witnessed by Edmond Boaz and others. The reason for such purchase and ready sale is not stated; neither is the loss justified. Perhaps some mistake has been made in transcribing the transaction for records.

Having left no will, no inventory or marriage record, it is not known when he died or where he was buried. Such is to be regretted.

CHAPTER IV

EDMOND BOAZ, 1745-1817

EDMOND BOAZ, the third son of Thomas and Agnes Boaz, was born in Ireland and brought to this country as a child. He was a Revolutionary soldier but under whom he served and with what rank it has been impossible to learn. On September 20, 1787, he received a land grant of sixty acres in North Carolina for service rendered in the War of the Revolution. This information was secured from the "Index to North Carolina Revolutionary Military Grants," Book C, page 108, Warrant No. 1300. The land was in Green County and on the west fork of Dodson Creek. The warrant was signed by Governor Caswell and the Secretary of State, J. Glasgow.

It appears that Edmond Boaz left Virginia for North Carolina and registered from there in the Army of the Revolution. In Chatham, the county seat of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, is found a deed from Edmond Boaz, of Wilkes County, North Carolina, to Shadrach Boaz for one hundred acres of land in Pittsylvania County, situated on both sides of Stewart's Creek. The deed is dated December 10, 1778, and is witnessed by Thomas Boaz, James Boaz, John Smith, and John Fulton. It is recorded in Deed Book 5 and on page 523. How long he remained in North Carolina is not known but it is certain that he returned to Virginia in due time and settled in Pittsylvania County.

In Chatham is found the record of his marriage to Sallie Thurman, the daughter of John and Nancy Thurman. The marriage took place on October 3, 1796. To this union four children were born:

- A. Edmond A. Boaz, b. 1797 (?) .
- B. Thomas Boaz, b. 1798 (?) .
- C. John Boaz, b. 1800 (?) .
- D. James Boaz, b. 1804.

A. EDMOND BOAZ, 1797- (?)

Edmond A. Boaz, the first son of Edmond and Sallie (Thurman) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, in 1797. In the Pittsylvania County marriage records the editor found this notation: "Sep. 24, 1821, Edmond A. Boaz married Elizabeth Booker." At a later date they moved to Middle Tennessee and settled on a tract of land three miles northwest of where Como now stands. This farm

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was land that had been given to his father, Edmond Boaz, for service that had been rendered by him in the Revolutionary War. While living on this farm two sons were born: Thurman and Drewry Boaz.

I. Thurman Boaz, b. _____, 1825; died Jan. 13, 1888. For many years he was a teacher in the public schools of Tennessee and lived a most exemplary life, being honored by all who knew him. On Jan. 10, 1872, he married Toga Moss. To them three children were born:

1. Ann Boaz, b. Dec. 6, 1872; m. John Jolly. Children:

- (1) Isaac Jolly, b. Aug. 31, 1891; m. Odelle Rea. One child, Mary Elizabeth Jolly, b. _____. Unmarried.
- (2) Lilliam Jolly, b. Sept. 30, 1893; m. Rennie Busheart. One child, Guynell Busheart; m. Leonard Halmon. They had one child, Sarah Ann Halmon, b. 1942.
- (3) Ethel Jolly, b. Oct. 22, 1896; m. Wayne Parham. Children: Seldom and Bobbie Parham.
- (4) Jack Jolly, b. _____, 1898; m. Ethel Kregg. No children.
- (5) Joe Jolly, b. _____; m. Agnes Bowlin. Children: John Lee and Barbary Joe Jolly.
- (6) Anna Belle Jolly, b. _____; m. Occo Parish. One child, Bobbie Parish, b. _____.
- (7) Janie Jolly, b. _____; m. Huber Hurt. One child, Shirley Hurt.
- (8) David Fields (Doc) Jolly, b. _____; m. Vinnia Dowery.
- (9) One child, died in infancy.
- (10) Irene Jolly b. _____; m. Aduie Williams. Two sons, John Walker and James Williams.

2. Joseph Boaz, b. Jan. 30, 1875; m. Sarah Fowler, _____, 1903. Children:

- (1) Elmer Boaz, b. _____, 1905; d. 1922.
- (2) John Thurman Boaz, b. _____, 1907; m. Ida Mae Cook, 1930. Child: Joe Willis Boaz, b. _____, 1946.
- (3) Newell Boaz, b. _____, 1909; d. 1910.
- (4) Basil Boaz, b. _____; died early in life.
- (5) Bertha Boaz, b. _____; died early in life.

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John Thurman Boaz is a successful and scientific farmer in Weakley County, Tenn., and owns his land.

3. David Boaz, b. Oct. 19, 1883; m. Maud Puckett. No children. David Boaz lives (1949) in Weakley County, Tenn., and is a successful and wealthy farmer.

II. Drewry Boaz, b. June 22, 1832; m. Flora Cottrell in 1871. To this union were born four children, namely:

1. Martha Boaz, b. Sept. 29, 1871; m. a Mr. Garrett. No children.
2. Edmond Adkins Boaz, b. Feb. 22, 1874; d. May 15, 1946. Married Lena Hodges, Dec. 29, 1905. She died Apr. 10, 1940. Their children are:

- (1) Blanche Corinne Boaz, b. May 11, 1909. She graduated from the Junior College of the University of Tennessee and later attended the Murray State College. On May 18, 1935, she was married to Thomas Adrian Brann. They have no children.

- (2) Vinetta Boaz, b. Aug. 22, 1914; d. Dec. 20, 1926.

3. Susie Boaz, b. Dec. 14, 1877; m. Robert Buntin. Children:

- (1) Romie Buntin, b. Mar. 12, 1895; m. Birdie Pharm. Children:

- a. Romie May Buntin.

- b. Robbie Buntin, and

- c. Ruel Buntin, twins.

- d. Nellie Buntin.

- (2) William Buntin, b. Jan. 13, 1897; m. Maggie Oliver. Children:

- a. Margaret Buntin.

- b. Willie Ruth Buntin.

- (3) Clydena Buntin, b. Mar. 2, 1898; m. Ivan Cantrell. No children.

- (4) Douglass Buntin, b. Mar. 26, 1900; m. _____. One son, b. _____.

4. Elsie Boaz, b. Mar. 17, 1880; m. Luther Call. To them twins were born who died at birth. They now live at Cottage Grove, Tenn., R.F.D. 1 (1949). The author of this volume and his wife had the pleasure of visiting in their country home on May 16, 1949.

Drewry Boaz, like his father, was a farmer and spent all his days

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on the farm a part of which he had inherited from his father. He was a Primitive Baptist in faith but never joined the Church. He was tall and slender and weighed about one hundred sixty pounds. During the Civil War he was neutral. He died September 12, 1918. His wife died some years previous to his death. Both of them were buried in the Olive Branch Cemetery.

Edmond Adkins Boaz, the only son of Drewry and Flora (Cottrell) Boaz, was born during 1874. He inherited his father's farm of two hundred thirty-one acres and lived in the old homestead until 1924, when it was burned with all the family records. He rebuilt the old home and lived in the new house until his death. His farm was in the section between tobacco land and cotton land. He cultivated both crops and also grew corn. He and his family belonged to the Missionary Baptist Church. In politics he was a Republican.

This farm is now (1949) owned by Blanche (Boaz) Brann and her husband, Thomas A. Brann. It has been enlarged by each successive generation until it now has not less than 250 acres of very rich soil. Mr. and Mrs. Brann have converted it into a successful stock farm, raising both dairy and beef cattle as well as hogs for the market. Mr. Brann served for three years in World War II and is now a Vocational Agriculture Instructor of Veterans. His wife is completing her twenty-first year as a teacher in Eagle Hill School, which is near their farm. Her father, Edmond Adkins Boaz, received all his education in that school. The author of this volume had the pleasure of dining with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Adrian Brann on May 16, 1949.

B. THOMAS BOAZ, 1798-1844

Thomas Boaz, the second son of Edmond and Sallie (Thurman) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1798. On November 22, 1814, he was married to Fannie Parks, who was born May 27, 1791. During the year 1816 they migrated to Middle Tennessee and settled near Fayetteville. To them nine children were born, namely:

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| I. Elizabeth P., | 1815-1868 | VI. Martha, | 1825-1838 |
| II. Edmond, | 1817-1882 | VII. Purshena, | 1827-1892 |
| III. Aaron, | 1819-1848 | VIII. Robert M., | 1831-1864 |
| IV. Oney, | 1821-1827 | IX. Mary Jane, | 1834-1857 |
| V. Sarah, | 1823-1894 | | |

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- I. Elizabeth P. Boaz, 1815-1868; m. John G. Broadway, by whom she had several children, among them Jessie, Tom, and Mattie. Nothing further is known of them at this time.
- II. Edmond Boaz, 1817-1882; m. Elizabeth Hoots in Feb., 1840. To this union were born five children, namely:
 1. William Newton Boaz, son of Edmond and Elizabeth (Hoots) Boaz, b. 1841 in Middle Tennessee; d. 1916. He married Lucy Thurman. To them seven children were born, namely:
 - (1) William Rufus, 1866. He married _____. To this union four children were born, namely:
 - a. Annie Lee, 1891; m. _____.
 - b. Etna, 1892; m. _____.
 - c. Jean, 1895; m. Clara Taylor. To them three children were born, namely: Martha, Taylor, and Ray.
 - d. Hubert, 1897; m. _____. To them one child was born, Olie.
 - (2) James Edward, 1869-1875.
 - (3) Lizzie, 1872-(?) ; m. Bun Stephens. No children.
 - (4) Ada Sarah, 1876-(?) ; m. Jim Scott. To them three children were born, names unknown.
 - (5) Laura, 1879-1920; m. Thomas Marrs. Three children: Alyne, Thomas, and Ruth.
 - (6) Henry, 1883-(?) ; m. Mary Willie Curlee. Two children: Joe Lyn, 1916; W. C., 1918.
 - (7) Lilie, 1888-1917.
 2. John W. Boaz, the second son of Edmond and Elizabeth (Hoots) Boaz, b. 1842 in Middle Tennessee; d. 1917. He married Susan Largen and to them eight children were born:
 - (1) Tera Boaz, 1874-1913; m. Pharoah Moore. To them four children were born: Atlee, Joel, Odell, and Mattie Sue.
 - a. Atlee Moore, b. _____; m. Cassie Williams, 1914. No children. Home at Fayetteville, Tenn. (1949).
 - b. Joel Moore, b. 1895. Disabled World War I veteran. Single.
 - c. Odell Moore, b. 1899.

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- d. Mattie Sue Moore, b. 1902 (?) .
 - (2) Oliver Boaz, 1876-1877.
 - (3) Josie Boaz, b. 1878; m. Don Kelsoe. They have one child:
 - a. Rosa Mai Kelsoe, b. 1894.
 - (4) Nora Boaz, b. 1881; m. Joe Moore. They have two sons:
 - a. Garland Moore.
 - b. Leon Moore.
 - (5) Arthur Boaz, 1885-1919; m. _____. To them one son was born:
 - a. Arthur Boaz, Jr.
 - (6) Edward Boaz, 1889-1944; m. _____. To them one son was born:
 - a. Edward Boaz, Jr., 1922.
 - (7) Grover Boaz, 1892-1894.
 - (8) Massey Boaz, b. 1896.
3. Thomas Boaz, the third son of Edmond and Elizabeth (Hoots) Boaz, was born in Middle Tennessee in 1843. Died 1918. Married Oletha Ann Thomison. To them four children were born:
- (1) John Boaz, 1867-1940; m. Susie Woods; d. 1943. No children.
 - (2) Fletcher Boaz, 1869-1875.
 - (3) Mollie Boaz, b. 1873; m. Charlie Smith. They have one child:
 - a. Margaret Smith, b. _____; m. Mike Bryant. One child: Charles Bryant.
 - (4) Fannie Elizabeth Boaz, b. 1885; m. William Clark. One child:
 - a. Charlie Clark.
4. James A. Boaz, the fourth son of Edmond and Elizabeth (Hoots) Boaz, b. 1845 in Middle Tennessee; d. 1930. He was married to Jennie Allen. To them six children were born, namely:
- (1) Lee A. Boaz, 1882-1883.
 - (2) James Boaz, 1883; m. Gera Williams, 1911. To them five children were born, namely:
 - a. Grace Boaz, 1913. Living now (1949) in Fayetteville, Tenn.

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- b. Morten Boaz, 1915; m. Alease Swinford May, 1937. Two children: Jack, 1939; and Judy, 1944.
 - c. Fred Boaz, 1917. Corporal in World War II. (See note on p. 32.) Married Elizabeth White, Feb. 11, 1946.
 - d. Wallace Boaz, 1920-1936.
 - e. Harold Boaz, 1928. Home in Fayetteville, Tenn. Unmarried.
- (3) Mamie Boaz, 1885; m. Curtis Tate, 1907. They have two children, namely:
- a. Malcolm Tate, 1909. Home in Fayetteville, Tenn. Unmarried.
 - b. Robert Tate, 1914; m. Gertrude Martin, 1934. Two children: Joyce Ann Tate, 1935; and Harold Tate, 1935.
- (4) Allen Boaz, 1889; m. Mamie Noles in 1914. They have two children:
- a. Charles Allen Boaz, 1917.
 - b. Lucile Boaz, 1925.
- (5) Lela Boaz, 1892; m. Angus Brandon. Two children:
- a. Virginia Brandon.
 - b. Mary Alice Brandon.
- (6) Horace William Boaz, 1896; m. Pearl Groce. To them three children have been born, namely:
- a. Doris Boaz, 1922-1935.
 - b. Frances Boaz, 1924; m. J. W. Couch, 1942. No children.
 - c. Dorothy Boaz, 1935.

Horace William Boaz was reared on his father's farm in Lincoln County, Tennessee. Graduated from high school at an early age. On December 17, 1917, he volunteered for service in the U.S. Marine Corps. Trained at Parris Island, South Carolina. On March 13, 1918, his division sailed from Philadelphia, landing at Brest, France, March 26, 1918, where they remained in training for a few weeks before going to the front. He was in the 96th Company, 6th Regiment, U.S. Marine Corps. He was wounded in action, June 8, 1918, in Belleau Wood, Chateau-Thierry, and sent to Hospital Thirty, Royal France, where he remained for three months. On December 26, 1918,

he with others of his company sailed for the United States, landing in January, 1919, being honorably discharged two months later.

Fred E., son of James and Gera (Williams) Boaz, enlisted in the U.S. Army in November, 1939, for World War II. Trained at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Sailed from Boston August 7, 1943. Landed in Iceland August 13. Served in Iceland, Scotland, and England and was in the "Battle of the Bulge" on Christmas Day, 1944. Later traveled through many countries in Europe and was honorably discharged from the army, August 8, 1945.

5. Henry Doak Boaz, the fifth son of Edmond and Elizabeth (Hoots) Boaz, was born in Middle Tennessee in 1849. Died 1923. Married Eliza Buntly. To this union four children were born:

- (1) Mattie Boaz, b. 1873; m. Wilson Cunningham.

To them four children were born, namely:

- a. Ottie Cunningham, b. _____; m. _____.
- b. John Cunningham, b. _____; m. _____.
- c. Charlie Cunningham, b. _____; m. _____.
- d. Ruth Cunningham, b. _____; m. _____.

- (2) Sallie Boaz, b. 1877; m. Charles Johnston. Two children:

- a. Mattie Lou Johnston, b. 1899; m. Iliff Warden.
- b. Bright Johnston, b. 1902; m. Beulah Mitchell.

- (3) William Boaz, b. 1882; m. _____. To them three children were born, namely:

- a. Ludie Lee Boaz, b. 1920; m. _____.
_____ children born.
- b. Louie Doak Boaz, b. 1922; m. _____.
_____ children.
- c. William Thomas Boaz, b. 1924; m. _____.
_____ children.

- (4) Mary Lou Boaz, b. 1886; m. William Lane. To them five children were born, namely:

- a. Roxie Lane, b. _____; m. _____.
- b. Carl Lane, b. _____; m. _____.
- c. Sarah Lane, b. _____; m. _____.
- d. Mildred Lane, b. _____; m. _____.
- e. Garland Lane, b. _____; m. _____.

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It is regretted that we have no record of the other seven children of Thomas Boaz of 1798-1844.

C. JOHN BOAZ

John Boaz, the third son of Edmond and Sallie (Thurman) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, about 1802. To whom he was married is not certainly known. In the marriage records of Pittsylvania County is found this statement: "John Boaz married Mildred Breedlove on Jan. 4, 1826." Since this is the only John Boaz to be married in Pittsylvania County at, or near, this time it is almost certain that this John Boaz was the son of Edmond and Sallie (Thurman) Boaz and the one who married Mildred Breedlove. At this time nothing further is known about them or their descendants.

D. JAMES BOAZ, 1804-1878

James Boaz, the fourth son of Edmond and Sallie (Thurman) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, April 17, 1804; died October 10, 1878. Sometime in 1823 he married Sarah Booker of Pittsylvania County and they soon immigrated to Tennessee and settled at Dukedom. To this union nine children were born:

- I. Tarlton Robert Boaz, b. June 20, 1824. No record left.
- II. James Washington Boaz, b. July 26, 1826; d. Feb. 16, 1845. No further record.
- III. Milton Parraham Boaz, b. Sept. 7, 1828; d. 1914; m. Mary E. Roberts. She was born Jan. 20, 1836; d. Mar. 7, 1865. Children:

1. Andrew J. Boaz, b. July 13, 1860. No record left.
2. Ada Bell Boaz, b. Dec. 25, 1861; m. William Miller; d. Dec. 11, 1885.
3. Sarah Frances Boaz, b. June 15, 1862; m. William Hamlet; d. Oct. 16, 1878. Children: Gardie Alonzo and Govie Antha Hamlet. Govie Antha Hamlet m. Wm. Leon Wright, son of Viola Davis, a dau. of Mary Boaz Davis. After the death of his first wife, Milton Parraham Boaz married America Elliott, June 2, 1866. To them ten children were born:

1. Mary Rose Ella Boaz, b. July 13, 1867; d. Mar., 1869.
2. Jane Cathrine Boaz, b. Dec. 14, 1868; m. Samson Prince. They live in Hickman County, Ky. (1949).
3. Georgia Ann Boaz, b. Nov. 11, 1870; m. L. Dublin.

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They live in Mayfield, Ky. (1949).

4. Arbezania Adaline Boaz, b. Feb. 8, 1873; m. Frank White. They live in Mayfield, Ky. (1949).

5. Martha Parnella Boaz, b. May 6, 1875; m. Ed. Watts. They live in Graves County, Ky. (1949).

6. Benjamin Franklin Boaz, b. June, 1876; d. July, 1877.

7. William Jasper Boaz, b. Oct. 1, 1879; m. Olive McAllister. No children.

8. Oscar Turner Boaz, b. Feb. 1, 1883; m. _____.

One son, (1) Orville Boaz, who lives in St. Louis, Mo.

They were divorced and Oscar Turner Boaz married Bertha Seavers. They had one child: (2) Raymond Boaz, b. _____; m. Dona Henson. They have five children:

a. Evon Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

b. Shirley Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

c. Georgia Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

d. Patricia Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

e. Robert Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

Oscar Turner Boaz served in the U.S. Army with General Pershing in his Mexican campaign against Villa and also in World War I in the European Theater and was seriously wounded at Belleau Wood with mustard gas, which badly damaged his eyesight.

9. Charles Edmond Boaz, b. June 26, 1885; m. Emma Puckett. He is a successful farmer and lives (1949) in Hickman County, Ky. To them eleven children have been born:

(1) Mavis Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

(2) Rayford Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

(3) Vilda Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

(4) Elsenia Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

(5) Milton Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

(6) Denzel Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

(7) Lexie Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

(8) Lola Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

(9) Lemon Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

(10) Charles E. Boaz, Jr., b. _____; m. _____.

(11) Charlene Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

10. Lula Boaz, b. _____, 1889; m. Virgil Crider, who is

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now (1949) deceased. They have no children. She lives in Mayfield, Ky.

IV. Loveasy Virginia Boaz, b. May 4, 1831. No record left.

V. Leavy Francis Boaz, b. Aug. 5, 1833; d. 1861.

VI. Newton Jasper Boaz, b. Oct. 9, 1835; d. July 1, 1838.

VII. Sarah Elizabeth Boaz, b. Dec. 10, 1837; d. Apr., 1864.

VIII. Francis Marion Boaz, b. Nov. 6, 1839; m. _____
Hamlet; d. Sept. 16, 1888. No record left.

IX. February Moore Boaz, b. Feb. 20, 1842. No record left.

James Boaz, after the death of his first wife, Sarah (Booker) Boaz, married Elizabeth Prince. To them three children were born:

I. and II. Twins, unnamed, both of whom died in infancy.

III. John Edmond Boaz, b. 1878; m. Annie Parsley. Children:

1. John Alphonso Boaz, b. _____, 1901; m. _____.

Children:

(1) _____.

(2) _____.

(3) _____.

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2. Louanna Boaz, b. 1905; m. _____. Children:

(1) _____.

(2) _____.

(3) _____.

3. Bernard Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

Children:

(1) _____.

(2) _____.

(3) _____.

4. James Harvey Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

Children:

(1) _____.

(2) _____.

(3) _____.

John Edmond Boaz and his first wife were divorced. He later married Leona Cooley Yates by whom he has no children. They are at present (1949) living in Mayfield, Kentucky.

The above records were copied by Mrs. Blanche Brann from the Bible of James Boaz, which records were preserved by his son, Milton Boaz, until the time of his death and since his death by Lula Crider, the daughter of Milton Boaz.

CHAPTER V

DANIEL BOAZ, 1746-1795 (?)

DANIEL BOAZ, the fourth son of Thomas and Agnes Boaz, was born in Ireland about 1746, being less than five years old when his parents immigrated to America and settled in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. According to creditable evidence he became a schoolteacher. In temperament he was high-spirited. He married Elizabeth Jennings, an Englishwoman, who was said to have been a great-niece of Sarah Jennings, who in 1680 married John Churchill, the first Duke of Marlborough.

The Duchess of Marlborough was a beautiful and accomplished woman and was the friend and companion of Queen Anne. It might have been said of her that she was "the power behind the throne," as history relates how this high-spirited and tyrannical Duchess ruled the weak and unresisting Queen. The Duchess of Marlborough was a daughter of Richard Jennings of Sandridge County, Hertford, England, and a sister of William Jennings, who died without a will in the year 1798 at the age of ninety-seven. He was unmarried and left an estate of ten millions. Many Virginians can recall the "Jennings Association" organized by Captain C. T. Smith and others by which the Americans hoped to secure this immense fortune. Much money and a great deal of legal talent were spent on this futile attempt to secure the Jennings estate which eventually reverted to the Crown.

Elizabeth Jennings Boaz lived to be ninety years old and retained her mental and physical faculties to a remarkable degree. She was a daring horseback rider and even in old age rode with perfect ease and fearlessness. It is related that on one occasion when returning from church this remarkable old lady, then eighty-two years old, galloped several miles in order to escape an approaching thunder shower.

Daniel Boaz died before reaching middle life from an illness caused by exposures and hardships endured while serving in the Revolutionary War. Daniel and Elizabeth Jennings Boaz had but one child, a son, Robert, who was born February 8, 1792.

A. Robert Boaz, the only son of Daniel Boaz, was a small boy at the time of his father's death. A guardian was appointed to look after

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his welfare until he reached his majority. Reaching maturity he married Mary Woodson, who was born September 26, 1795. She was the daughter of William and Ann Woodson. The Woodsons were a prominent Virginia family and can probably claim more men of prominence among their descendants than any other family of Virginia. They have furnished several governors and congressmen to other states. Robert and Mary (Woodson) Boaz had but one child, William Daniel.

I. William Daniel Boaz was born February 6, 1821, in what is now Appomattox County, Virginia. Being endowed by nature with a splendid intellect and having all the qualities of a polished gentleman, it was natural that he should attain prominence in his chosen profession. He was tall and finely proportioned, in appearance a very handsome man. He had dark hair, deep violet eyes that appeared almost black, an aquiline nose, a high broad brow, well-shaped mouth and chin that denoted strength of character and determination. His manner was refined and courteous, his bearing dignified and well poised. He was a brilliant conversationalist whose speech was that of one acquainted with the best authors and habitually accustomed to the most cultured society. Having completed his education in the schools of his day, he chose medicine as his profession and entered Hampden-Sidney Medical College in Richmond, Virginia, in the year 1840, and graduated with high honors in 1842. After completing a postgraduate course in Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia he settled in Howardsville, Virginia, and pursued successfully the practice of medicine for some time.

One stormy day while crossing the James River on a ferryboat Dr. Boaz saved from possible drowning two beautiful young ladies, who were also passengers on the boat. The ladies, accompanied by their maids, were traveling in their carriage. The violence of the coming storm so frightened the horses that one of them plunged violently overboard. His weight was fast drawing overboard the other horse and the occupants of the carriage were in danger of being thrown into the rushing waters. The old carriage driver was helpless; the ferryman was paralyzed with fear. He had urged the ladies not to try to cross the river that day and had reluctantly consented to carry them over, saying that he hated to see two such beautiful ladies drowned. Taking in the situation at a glance, Dr. Boaz cut away the entangling harness from the struggling horse, leaving

him free to swim ashore. The ladies so heroically rescued were Mrs. Charles Scott, afterwards Mrs. Albert Harris, and her young sister, Miss Cornelia Rebecca Harris. This romantic meeting culminated a few years later in the marriage of Dr. William Daniel Boaz to Miss Cornelia Harris. The ceremony was performed on May 5, 1850, by the Rev. William Pinkerton, pastor of the Cove Presbyterian Church, Covesville, Virginia.

Miss Harris had been reared in a home of rare culture and refinement. Her mother was a daughter of Captain Benjamin Harris of Revolutionary fame, who was a brave and valued officer in the War of the Revolution and had taken part in several hard fought engagements in our fight for freedom. He was a personal friend and great admirer of General George Washington. This enduring friendship and loyalty to his great chieftain are facts still cherished by his descendants. His wife was Miss Mary Woods of the well-known Scotch-Irish Woods family whose founder in Virginia was Michael Woods, said to have been the first white man to cross the Blue Ridge Mountains and penetrate into the hitherto unsettled country, afterwards known as Albemarle County. In her veins coursed the blood of many noble ancestors. Cornelia Harris' father was Henry T. Harris, of Albemarle County, Virginia, an eminent lawyer of his time and commonwealth attorney for Nelson County from 1817 to the time of his death, 1845. He was a classical scholar of fine attainments and an orator of rare ability. He had a fine library. His children received the best education available at that time. Miss Harris was well versed in the languages, both ancient and modern. Her memory was remarkable.

This talented young couple resided for several years in the old home of Dr. Boaz which was an imposing brick house situated on a high hill commanding an extensive view of the James River and overlooking the town of Howardsville. After living there for several years the family began to suffer from malaria and Dr. Boaz decided to move to Albemarle County where the invigorating air of the mountains would be more conducive to the health of the family. Dr. Boaz bought the ancestral home of his wife's family and lived in it for the rest of his life. Here in Covesville he enjoyed for many years a lucrative practice. The large farm occupied much of his time and attention. In later years he relinquished his practice to give all his time to the farm and horticultural pursuits.

Dr. William Daniel Boaz was a true Southern gentleman. His

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mind was well stored with the literature of his profession. He was a classical scholar, a disciplinarian who tempered authority with kindness. He was farseeing but conservative. He was diligent in business, public spirited, just and faithful in the discharge of all duties. He was gracious in his family and loyal to his friends. He commanded the respect of all who knew him. No one ever questioned his assertions or disregarded his wishes. His word was law.

When war clouds broke over our country he assumed his burdens and discharged his duties as faithfully as those in the ranks of the army. Being a physician and the only one in the neighborhood, he was exempt from service in the army. Nevertheless he practiced for some time in an improvised hospital maintained in Charlottesville for the sick and wounded soldiers. Here he labored for many a long day ministering to the men who had given their all on the altar of their country. In this he never complained but went faithfully about his duties in a cheerful spirit. He was perhaps the first one to advance the theory of cold treatment for fever and to discard the antiquated methods so long in vogue. He was an advanced thinker and many years ahead of his time in whatever line he was thinking, whether medicine, agriculture, or horticulture.

Dr. William Daniel Boaz has perhaps won imperishable fame in the realm of horticulture. His greatest success lay in his giving to the world commercially the "Albemarle Pippin," an apple delicious in flavor and beautiful in color. This famous apple is the product of the wisdom and foresight of two Albemarle County physicians. A standard work on apples published in New York recognizes the Albemarle Pippin as the best apple grown and says, "It has a long established reputation in Europe and commands the highest price paid for apples." The Albemarle Pippin, as its name indicates, was developed in Albemarle County, Virginia. When the Virginia troops under George Washington were sent to Fort Duquesne, Dr. Thomas Walker, from Albemarle County, was their commissary officer. When the Virginia troops returned after the disastrous defeat of General Braddock, Dr. Walker brought back in his saddlebags some apple scions. These he grafted on native trees on his "Castle Hill" farm near Charlottesville, Virginia. From one of these was developed a new apple which was named the Albemarle Pippin.

Queen Victoria was greatly delighted with this remarkable apple. When Dr. Andrew Stevenson, our American Minister to the Court of Saint James's, presented her with one of these apples brought

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from his farm in America she was so pleased with its beauty and flavor that she had the tax on them removed. For having won this favor it was sometimes called "The Royal Apple."

Dr. Boaz recognized the worth of this fine apple and, seeing its commercial value, had one thousand such trees planted on his farm in Albemarle County. In all probability this was the first commercial orchard of Albemarle Pippin apples ever planted. His neighbors thought him visionary and told him that he would regret having taken so many acres of good tobacco land to plant in apple trees. But they soon saw that the good doctor was right, for apples of this kind were soon bringing more than tobacco grown on similar acres. His wisdom was thus displayed. Dr. Boaz did not live to see the entire fulfillment of his vision but his sons carried on his work and in a few years the Boaz orchards were known on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

To William Daniel and Cornelia (Harris) Boaz seven children were born:

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| 1. William Henry, 1852-1907 | 5. Rosa, (?) -1908 |
| 2. Emmett Daniel, 1855-1915 | 6. Mary Cornelia, (?) -1910 |
| 3. John J., 1857-1941 | 7. Beauregard, 1860-1896 |
| 4. Eva, 1859-1921 | |

1. William Henry Boaz was born at Covesville, Virginia. He was given the best possible educational advantages of that day. After completing his work at the Covesville school he attended a classical school at Staunton, Virginia, under the direction of the Rev. Pike Powers. Here his record was brilliant. In October, 1869, he matriculated in the academic department of the University of Virginia and graduated in 1872 with the degree of Master of Arts. His unassuming modesty, his high sense of honor and his cordial manner won for him many friends. To become a lawyer was the goal of his ambition. During the years of 1874-1875 he took the full law course in the University of Virginia and was given the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

He began the practice of law in Charlottesville, Virginia, but later moved to Lovington, Nelson County, Virginia. It appeared that on account of his great learning and natural ability the highest rewards of the legal profession were within easy reach. The failure of his father's health forced him to relinquish the practice of law

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to take over the management of his father's estate, "Mountain View," at Covesville.

Upon the death of his father in 1883 he became the executor of the estate and managed it with skill and great fidelity. The fame of the "Glencove Pippin Apple" was soon spread over the United States and Europe. In this field of service he was very happy. He loved this close communion with nature. He was a great source of pleasure to his mother in her widowhood. For many years he served as a ruling elder in the Covesville Presbyterian Church.

From 1899 to 1904 he served in the Virginia Legislature as the representative from Albemarle County. This was without any seeking on his part. Like Cincinnatus of old, he was called to public service by his fellow citizens. In 1901 he was elected from Albemarle County to serve in the Virginia Constitutional Convention. While in the zenith of his popularity he was stricken with a fatal illness and passed to his final reward in 1907.

2. Emmett Daniel Boaz was born at Howardsville, Albemarle County, Virginia, February 10, 1855. He was the second son of Dr. William Daniel and Cornelia (Harris) Boaz. Soon after his birth his parents moved to Covesville, in the same county, where Emmett spent most of his life. After completing his high school work at Kenmore High School he entered the University of Virginia and took the course in medicine. Later he studied medicine in the University of New York, taking there as well as in the University of Virginia the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After graduation from these schools he practiced his profession for a time in Howardsville, the place of his birth, and then moved to Covesville, where he had a lucrative practice until his health failed. He was a skilled surgeon, a fine physician, a devoted father and husband, a loyal friend, a devout Christian and a most distinguished citizen.

On October 23, 1881, he married Ada Coleman McCallum of Nelson County, Virginia. Ada C. McCallum was a cultured and refined Christian woman who still survives and lives now (1949) at Covesville, Virginia. To them five children were born.

(1) Mary Cornelia, b. Dec. 31, 1904; m. Oscar Garth Fitzhugh. To them were born four children:

- a. Mary Elenor, Oct. 14, 1931.
- b. Ann Joyce, b. May 8, 1935.
- c. William Garth, b. Mar., 1940.
- d. Elizabeth Boaz, b. Mar. 14, 1943.

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- (2) Rosa, b. Oct. 1, 1906; d. May 5, 1925.
- (3) Ada McCallum, b. Jan. 21, 1908; m. Maurice H. Stein. One child:
 - a. Maurice Harris Stein, Jr., b. Mar. 25, 1947.
- (4) Anna Louise, b. Oct. 6, 1909; m. Richard Alexander Yancey. To them three children were born:
 - a. Richard Alexander, b. July 7, 1937.
 - b. Emmett Daniel Boaz, b. Feb. 7, 1939.
 - c. Sarah Farrar, b. Mar. 20, 1947.
- (5) Emmett Daniel, Jr., b. Apr. 24, 1915; m. Mary Ann Wilson. To them one child was born:
 - a. Emmett Daniel III, b. Mar. 2, 1947.

3. John J. Boaz (1857-1941) was born at Covesville, Virginia, on April 20, 1857. He was educated in private schools and the Kenmore Academy. His college course was interrupted by a severe attack of rheumatism and he was compelled to return home for many months in order to regain his health. While recuperating at home he became interested in agricultural pursuits and in a short time he was farming on his own account. He became a very successful horticulturist, growing Winesap and Albemarle Pippin apples. His orchards were scientifically cultivated, the most modern equipment being used at all times. They were ranked among the best orchards in the country. His apples sold at the highest price paid for apples, some of them bringing nineteen dollars (\$19.00) per barrel, f.o.b. London, England. In addition to his orchards, for thirty-five years he successfully operated a large mercantile establishment. Being an active Democrat, he took great interest in all public affairs.

On November 1, 1886, he married Caroline Wheeler, youngest daughter of the venerable Mr. John Wheeler, of Nelson County, Virginia. She possessed great beauty and many personal attractions. She had all the qualities that made an ideal woman. Both of them belonged to the Cove Presbyterian Church. To them six children were born:

- (1) John Irving, b. 1887; m. Grace Taylor, Jan. 31, 1917. John Irving Boaz was educated in the schools of the day, attending Virginia Military Institute, and is a graduate engineer. For many years he held the position of Superintendent of Highway Construction in the state of California. They have no

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children. John Irving Boaz died in 1933. His widow lives in Santa Cruz, Calif.

- (2) Emmett Daniel was born Apr. 24, 1893. After completing his work in the local school, for three years he attended Randolph-Macon College where he acquired a comprehensive knowledge of chemistry. In 1915 he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania and graduated with honors in 1919 with the degree of M.D. For one year he served as intern in the West Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh. Since that time he has been practicing his profession in that city. On Apr. 24, 1922, he married Martha Jane Guette, of Detroit, Mich. They have no children.
- (3) William Henry Boaz was born on Dec. 29, 1894. He attended Randolph-Macon Academy for three years, Randolph-Macon College three years, and then studied agriculture in the Agricultural College at Amherst, Mass. During his senior year he volunteered for service in the army and was sent to the First Officers Training Camp at Fort Myers, Va. He was made a First Lieutenant in the Infantry and later was promoted to the grade of Captain. On account of his ability to handle recruits, Captain Boaz was not sent overseas but was stationed at Camp Lee, Va., and later at Camp Fort Sill, Okla., to train soldiers for service.

On Aug. 21, 1917, Captain Boaz married Velma Colwell Merrifield, of Brooklyn, N. Y. She was a graduate from Randolph-Macon Woman's College of Lynchburg, Va. After the close of World War I Captain William Henry Boaz and his wife moved to Covesville, Va., where he took charge of the Boaz orchards. He died in June, 1941. To them were born three daughters, namely:

- a. Velma, b. _____; m. Lynn Cochran Dec. 29, 1948. Their present home is in Arlington, Va.
- b. Carolyn, b. _____. She is with the

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U.S. Intelligence Department and lives in Arlington, Va.

c. Elenor, b. _____. She is secretary for an architectural firm in Washington, D. C.

(4) Ruth Louise, b. _____, 1898; m. Thomas E. Ruffin. They have one son, Thomas E. Ruffin, Jr., b. Apr. 8, 1932.

(5) Nellie Vernon, b. _____, 1900; m. E. N. Atkinson. They have one son, Philip Atkinson, b. Oct. 30, 1929.

(6) Margaret, b. _____, 1902; m. Edgar H. B. Parkin, Feb. 10, 1940. No children. Mr. Parkin is with the American T. & T. in Charlotte, N. C., but expects to move to Covesville, Va. (1949).

Ruth Louise, Nellie Vernon and Margaret are graduates from Randolph-Macon Woman's College and are devoted wives and mothers.

4. Eva Boaz was born _____, 1859; died Mar. 4, 1921. She was the fourth child and first daughter of Dr. William Daniel and Cornelia (Harris) Boaz. She was born in Covesville, Va., a descendant from a long line of distinguished ancestors, among them the Harris and Lee families. Her father was a noted physician, her great-grandfather a soldier in the War of the Revolution. She was given the best education available at that time. She was active in the Covesville Presbyterian Church and lived a model life as a devoted wife and fond mother. On Dec. 22, 1879, she was married to Zachery T. Hamner, of Covesville, Albemarle County, Va. To them one child was born, namely:

(1) Maud Boaz Hamner was born in Covesville, Va., Oct. 15, 1880. On the 8th of June, 1904, she was married to Dr. Paul W. Beckham, son of the late Rev. Thomas Moore Beckham and Lucy Royal Beckham, of Farmville, Va. He is descended from the well-known Randolph family which has contributed so many distinguished men to the state. He is now (1949) a successful practicing dentist in Farmville, Va.

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Maud Hamner Beckham was educated in Kleinburg Seminary, the Woman's College at Richmond and Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Through her paternal grandmother she is descended from Captain Alexander Blaine, an officer in the Revolutionary War and one of the early settlers who acquired several thousand acres in the "Rich Cove Region." Through her maternal grandmother she is descended from the Harris and Lee families who settled in York County, Va., about 1635. She was reared in a home of culture and refinement and reflects the true type of Southern womanhood. To Dr. and Mrs. Paul W. Beckham five children were born:

- a. Paul W. Beckham, Jr. Now deceased.
 - b. Evelyn Pleasant, b. Nov. 10, 1906; m. William Lee, June 28, 1930. They have two children, namely:
 - (a) William Lee, Jr., b. Nov. 14, 1931.
 - (b) Elizabeth Mansfield, b. Jan. 2, 1944.
 - c. Samuel Royal, b. July 11, 1908; m. Elizabeth Balsom Levick, Apr. 3, 1935. They have two children:
 - (a) Elizabeth Levick, b. Sept. 11, 1936.
 - (b) Evelyn Randolph, b. May 2, 1940.
 - d. Maud Randolph, b. July 31, 1914.
 - e. Thomas Moore, b. Mar. 4, 1923.
5. Rosa Boaz, b. _____; m. Gouly Martin, who died Mar. 18, 1908. No children.
 6. Mary Cornelia Boaz, b. _____; d. Apr. 25, 1910. Never married. She spent her entire life in Covesville. She was comely in person, cultivated in mind, and amiable in disposition. She was like a beam of sunshine that brightened all about her. She was an active member of the Covesville Presbyterian Church and spent much of her time in promoting the happiness of others.
 7. Beauregard Boaz was born in Covesville, Va., about 1860. He was educated at the University of Virginia. On Nov. 30, 1896, in the *Charleston News and Courier* appears

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the following information from the pen of President Shepherd of the College of Charleston:

“Beauregard Boaz, professor of Mathematics and Astronomy in Charleston College, died on Sunday, Nov. 29th, after an illness that lasted not more than twelve days. His father was a highly esteemed and self sacrificing physician. One of his brothers is a prominent member of the legal profession; another has devoted himself to the complex science of medicine. All of them are characterized by native intelligence and scholarly training.

“Beauregard Boaz, at the time of his death, was not more than thirty six years of age and in the very flower of his early manhood. Professor Boaz became associated with Charleston College in Oct. 1889. He represented in an eminent degree the purest and noblest traditions of the University founded by Thomas Jefferson. His teaching was vitalized by the purest breath of the modern spirit.”

Beauregard Boaz was married to Elizabeth Lee Gaillard _____. To them two children were born, namely:

- (1) Elizabeth, b. _____; d. at three years of age.
- (2) William Gaillard, b. _____; m. _____.

CHAPTER VI

JAMES BOAZ, 1749-1852

JAMES BOAZ, the fifth son of Thomas and Agnes Boaz, was born in Buckingham County, Virginia, on May 20, 1749, the first son to be born to this couple in America. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and Quartermaster Sergeant under Richard (Light Horse Harry) Lee. In the Hall of Archives at Washington, D. C., on July 21, 1947, the editor of this volume examined carefully an application for a pension that was signed by James Boaz on May 15, 1832. In this application James Boaz declared that he was born in Buckingham County, Virginia, and that he moved to Patrick County, Virginia, in 1789. He declared also that he served as a sergeant in the Revolutionary War under Colonel John Wilson; that he had captured and jailed twenty-seven Tories; that he was made Quartermaster Sergeant and continued to serve twelve months longer.

In a letter from the Bureau of Pensions at Washington, D. C., and signed by Winfield Scott as Commissioner and dated June 23, 1927, the Commissioner says: "James Boaz, a resident of Bedford County, Virginia, enlisted in the Army in March, 1771, and served for four and one half months under Captain Dixon's Virginia Company. Soon after this he moved to Pittsylvania County and enlisted again and served three months under Colonel John Wilson as sergeant. He enlisted in January 1781 and served four months as Quartermaster Sergeant in Captain Thomas Smith's Company in Colonel Harry (light Horse Harry) Lee's Corps of Infantry. He was allowed a pension on his application, the application being executed on May, 18, 1883, while he was a resident of Patrick County, Virginia. The name of his wife was Anne, who died prior to 1852. They had children, Robert, a resident of Patrick County, Virginia, in 1852, is the only one whose name is given." These two documents clearly show James Boaz a soldier in the War of the Revolution.

In the Hampden-Sidney College Library in *Campbell Chronicles* by Ruth H. Early may be found these words: "James Boaz lived on the head waters of Flat Creek; Married Ann, the daughter of Robert Russell and Ann Bard Russell and had two children, Robert and Tabitha. Robert Russell's will (made in 1791) names sons James and Robert, and daughters, Elizabeth, Catherine, Millie, Elenor, May and ANN, who married James Boaz."

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James and Ann (Russell) Boaz with their two children, A. Robert and B. Tabitha, moved from Pittsylvania County to Patrick County, Virginia, in 1779. They settled on a farm near what is now known as Patrick Springs Hotel, a noted summer resort. Here they lived to the end of their days. They were devout and active members of the Church. After they came to Patrick County five other children were born to them. Their names have been secured from the will of James Boaz which was made in 1847. They are: C. Agnes; D. James, Jr.; E. William Russell; F. Phoebe; G. Polly; H. Millie.

A. Robert Boaz, the oldest son of James and Ann (Russell) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Va., Mar. 15, 1786. When he was three years old his parents took him to Patrick County where he made his home for the balance of his life. His farm was near that of his father. He served as a private in the War of 1812. The following was taken from the tombstone that marks his grave: "Pvt. 6 Regt. Va. Mil. War 1812." He married Martha Sandifer (b. Jan. 5, 1797), a Patrick County girl. They had one daughter and five sons: Stephen More, Mary Johnson, Abram Sandifer, James Russell, Thomas Jefferson, and Robert.

I. Stephen More Boaz, b. Aug. 8, 1820; m. Sarah Ellen Taylor, daughter of Reuben Taylor of Mayo section of Henry County, Va. To this union were born three children: Samuel P. Boaz, Frank Boaz, and a sister, Martha. After the death of his wife Stephen moved to Kentucky and there married again (wife's name unknown). To this union were born nine children, five boys and four girls, the only names known being Robert L. and John. From Kentucky he moved to Arkansas and died at the age of sixty-five. After Stephen Boaz left Henry County very little was known about the children of his last marriage.

1. Samuel Peter Boaz was reared by Sam Taylor, his uncle of the Mayo section, Henry County. There he lived until the outbreak of the Civil War. He entered service and served thirteen months. After coming out of the service he married Katherine Pendleton Young, daughter of Andrew Jackson Young of Patrick County, Va. To this union were born seven sons and two daughters: one infant son who died at birth and C. Frank, Jim R., John Abram, Stephen Andrew, Fletcher, Grover Folsom, and

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Peter Lee. The daughters were Sarah Ellen and Daisy Anne.

- (1) Frank Boaz married Mary Jennings of Reidsville, N. C., and to this union was born one son, Robert J. Boaz. The father died at the early age of twenty-four.
- (2) Jim Boaz married Poka Grogan of Spencer, Va. To this union were born four children: Robert, Frank, Russell, and one daughter, May.
- (3) J. Abram Boaz was never married and died at the age of thirty-four.
- (4) Stephen A. Boaz was born May 8, 1876, Henry County, Va. He married Sallie Jeannette Grogan at Spencer, Va., Sept. 4, 1901. They lived for many years at Albemarle, N. C., where Mr. Boaz was employed by the Southern Railway Company. He died at Albemarle from pneumonia Jan. 20, 1948. He was a big, good-natured man with dark-sandy hair and mustache and was well liked and respected by his friends in the community, and a lifelong member of the Masonic Lodge, which lodge conducted his funeral. The children of this marriage are:
 - a. Ruby Lillian Boaz, b. May 10, 1906, Spencer, Va.; m. John A. Carlyle of Lumberton, N. C., in 1928, who died in 1930. In 1934 Ruby married Frank A. Nerges of Linden, N. J. No children by either marriage.
 - b. David William Boaz, b. Nov. 8, 1908, Cascade, Va.; m. Maline Bost in 1935. One child:
 - (a) Stephen Neill Boaz, b. Nov. 25, 1936.
 - c. Irvin Russell Boaz, b. Apr. 25, 1910, Spencer, Va.; m. Sudie Irene Lowder, 1940. One child:
 - (a) Jane Ellen Boaz, b. 1945.
 - d. Lawrence Arthur Boaz, b. Sept. 3, 1913, Davidson County, N. C.; m. Cora Burris, 1934. Two children:
 - (a) Patricia Elaine Boaz, b. Nov. 19, 1935.
 - (b) Sheila Antoinette Boaz, b. June 10, 1946.

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- e. Ruth Elizabeth Boaz, b. Aug. 23, 1916, Davidson County, N. C.; m. Harvard T. Eudy of Albemarle, N. C., in 1934. One child:
 - (a) Barbara Jeanette Eudy, b. Dec. 18, 1935.
- f. Stephen Andrew Boaz, Jr., b. Mar. 27, 1919, Albemarle, N. C.; m. Tina Louise Grigg of Albemarle, 1941. One child:
 - (a) John David Boaz, b. July 2, 1945.
- (5) Fletcher Boaz married Limina Emma Robertson, daughter of Benjamin F. Robertson of Henry County. He has been employed for twenty or more years at the American Furniture Company of Martinsville, Va., and resides on Oak St. To this union were born six children: Sam F. Boaz, Fleet A., Ora Lee, Dora E., Ruth Kathaleen, and Dixie Emma.
- (6) G. Folsom Boaz married Ella Clift of Martinsville, Va. To this union was born one son, Billy.
- (7) Peter Lee Boaz married Minnie Mae Robertson, daughter of Benjamin F. Robertson, Henry County, and sister of Fletcher's wife, Emma. At present he is employed by the Fontaine Converting Works of Martinsville, Va., and resides at 106 College Street. He is deacon in the Calvary Christian Church and is well known as a loyal and conscientious church member. The children of this marriage are:
 - a. Harry Lee, married Brooksie Mason of Martinsville, Va. Their children are Barbara Ann, Jerry Douglas, Richard Wayne, and Deborah Lee.
 - b. Beatrice Eileen, married James B. Hall of Altavista, Va. They have one child, Sheryl.
 - c. Thalma Noel, married Elena More Taylor of Martinsville. No children.

The two sons have been in the ice cream business for approximately the past fifteen years in Martinsville, beginning with Turner's Ice Cream Company. In 1947 Harry Lee,

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the eldest, started out on his own and founded the Boaz Ice Cream Company, Inc., at Martinsville, Va., of which firm he is now president and sales manager. Noel, the younger son of Peter Lee, also went into the Boaz Ice Cream Company soon after its opening as foreman of the manufacturing end of the business. Harry Lee resides in Martinsville on Broad St. and is a deacon of the Chatham Heights Baptist Church, very active in church and Sunday school work. Noel lives on Church St. and attends the Broad St. Christian Church. The daughter, Eileen, is also a resident of Martinsville. Her husband is in the insurance business. They live on Church St. and are both members of the Calvary Christian Church with their mother and father.

- (8) Sarah Ellen married T. J. Taylor, son of J. Lee Taylor, Baptist minister, of Henry County. To this union were born three children: Edgar T., Harold, and Milton.
- (9) Daisy married John A. Young of Madison, N. C. To this union were born four boys and four girls. The boys are Troy, Jack, Judson, and Shelie Young. The girls are Pearl, Earline, May, and Sunshine Young.

II. Mary Johnson Boaz, b. June 20, 1822. Died early in life.

III. Abram Sandifer Boaz, b. Nov. 12, 1825; m. Ann Nunn of Henry County, Va., Dec. 2, 1852. They settled on a large farm near Ridgeway, Va., which Abram owned. There they lived to the end of their days. Abram was a soldier in the Civil War, serving in the Cavalry. The following was taken from the tomb which marks his grave: "C.V. Co. H. 24, Va. Cavalry. Civil War." He died Feb. 28, 1910, and was buried in the Nunn Cemetery, near the bodies of his father and mother. Children:

- 1. Martha F. Boaz, b. Sept. 9, 1853; m. Lafayette J. Hopper, a farmer, on Dec. 7, 1873. Lafayette J. Hopper d. Nov. 8, 1919. Martha (Boaz) Hopper d. May 26, 1935. Children:

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(1) John A. Hopper, b. Oct. 19, 1874; d. Feb. 19, 1920.

Five children:

a. Annie E. Hopper, b. Mar. 26, 1899; m. Tom Strater. Four children:

(a) _____.

(b) _____.

(c) _____.

(d) _____.

b. Doris M. Hopper, b. Jan. 5, 1902; m. Grayson Miles. One child: Julia Ann Miles, living with mother.

c. Daisey O. Hopper, b. Nov. 3, 1905; m. Arthur Dever. No children.

d. J. W. Hopper, b. Sept. 5, 1908; m. _____.

e. E. L. Hopper, b. _____; m. Eleanor Alderman.

(2) J. W. Hopper, b. Apr. 13, 1880; m. Cora A. Dunn, Dec. 25, 1904. Five children:

a. Alma Lee Hopper, b. Nov. 6, 1905; m. Philip Hodnet. No children.

b. Willie Burton Hopper, b. July 2, 1908; m. Cleo Huff. One child:

(a) Doris Hopper, b. _____;
m. Amos _____.

c. Janie Estelle Hopper, b. Apr. 17, 1910, a teacher at Burlington, N. C. Single.

d. Callie Pearle Hopper, b. Mar. 26, 1912; m. Willie Burke, Nov. 30, 1939. Living at Leaksville, N. C. No children.

e. Bessie Frances Hopper, b. Aug. 31, 1915; m. Jack Bateman, Nov. 25, 1933. Lives at Leaksville, N. C.

(3) Annie Hopper, b. May 26, 1885; d. Aug. 14, 1885.

(4) George L. Hopper, b. Oct. 22, 1886; m. Ruby Jane Dunn, Dec. 31, 1928. He is a prosperous farmer near Ridgeway. One child:

a. Jane Carolyn Hopper, b. July 19, 1931.

(5) Mary L. Hopper, b. May 23, 1889; d. Jan. 9, 1919.

2. Alfred Jefferson Boaz, b. Aug. 2, 1855; m. Louisa V. Gilley. Three children:

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- (1) Louella Boaz, b. Feb. 9, 1875; m. Watt Alvis Dunn, Dec. 23, 1903, who died Nov. 15, 1929.

Two children:

a. Clarence Aubrey Dunn, b. Dec. 23, 1904; m. Leone Hopper, Dec. 21, 1929. No children.

b. Virginia Ethel Dunn, b. July 6, 1908; m. John Willard Eggleston, Aug. 14, 1924.

Three children:

(a) Mildred Marie Eggleston, b. July 26, 1925; m. Duffey Lewis Westmoreland, Dec. 22, 1945. One son: Duffey Franklin Westmoreland, b. July 20, 1948.

(b) John W. Eggleston, b. June 11, 1929. Single.

(c) Gary Alvis Eggleston, b. June 25, 1933. Single.

- (2) John B. Boaz, b. June 23, 1876; m. Ollie Barker, Jan. 31, 1900. He died Nov. 29, 1938. Was a farmer near Ridgeway, Va. Eleven children:

a. Pauline Virginia Boaz, b. July 12, 1901; m. George Allen Dunn, Dec. 1, 1921, living near Ridgeway, Va. One child:

(a) Virginia Alvis Dunn, b. May 13, 1924, attending a business college, Martinsville, Va.

b. Myrtle Mae Boaz, b. Nov. 19, 1902; d. at sixteen.

c. Thelma Henry Boaz, b. June 18, 1904; m. Chas. Hold, Nov. 16, 1918. Living near Reidsville, N. C. One child:

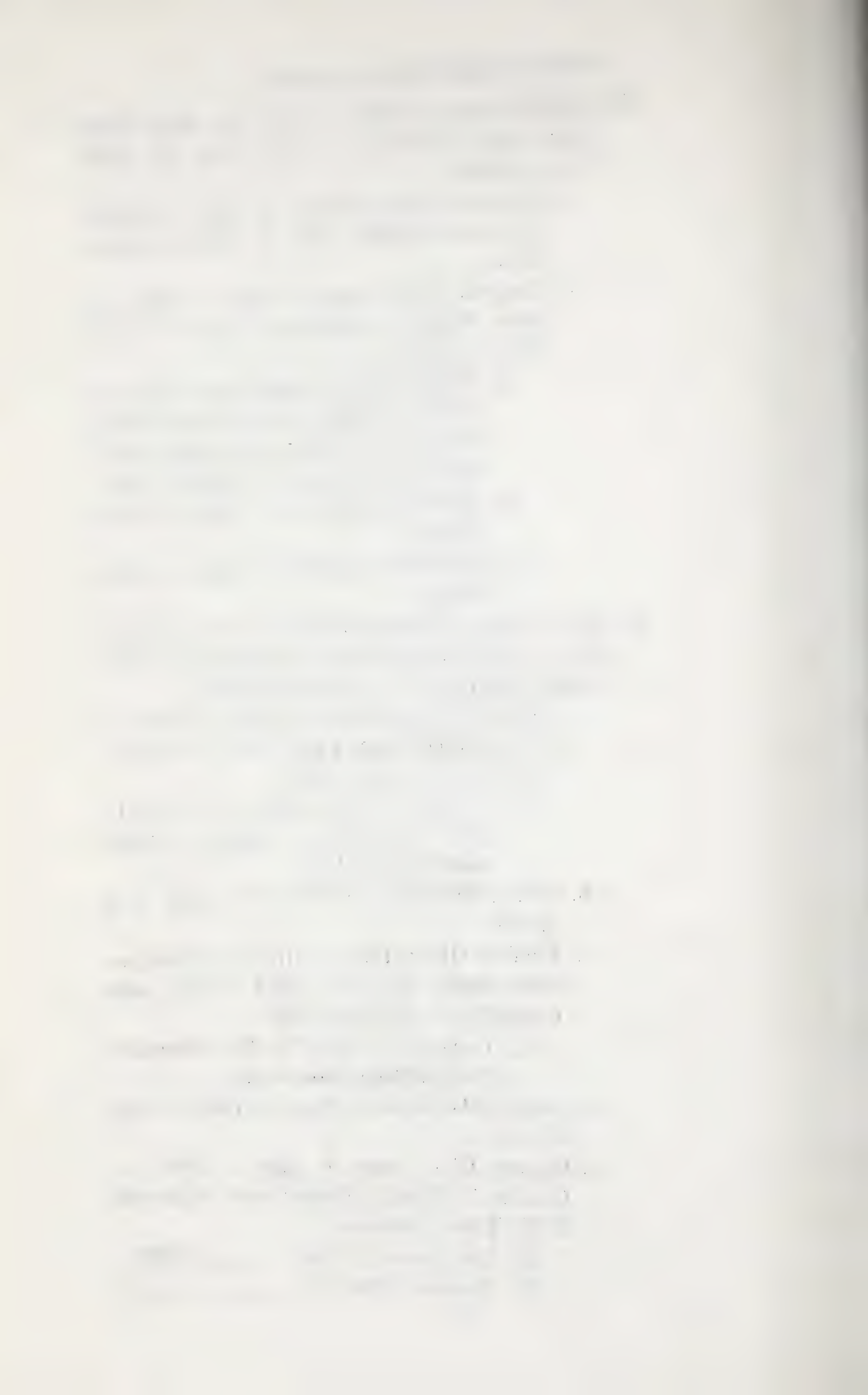
(a) Lena Hold, b. Dec. 31, 1925. Attended Elon College, Elon, N. C.

d. James Baker Boaz, b. Aug. 24, 1905; d. Aug. 11, 1921.

e. Geneva Clara Boaz, b. Jan. 2, 1908; m. Charles B. Lynn, a farmer near Reidsville, N. C. Three children.

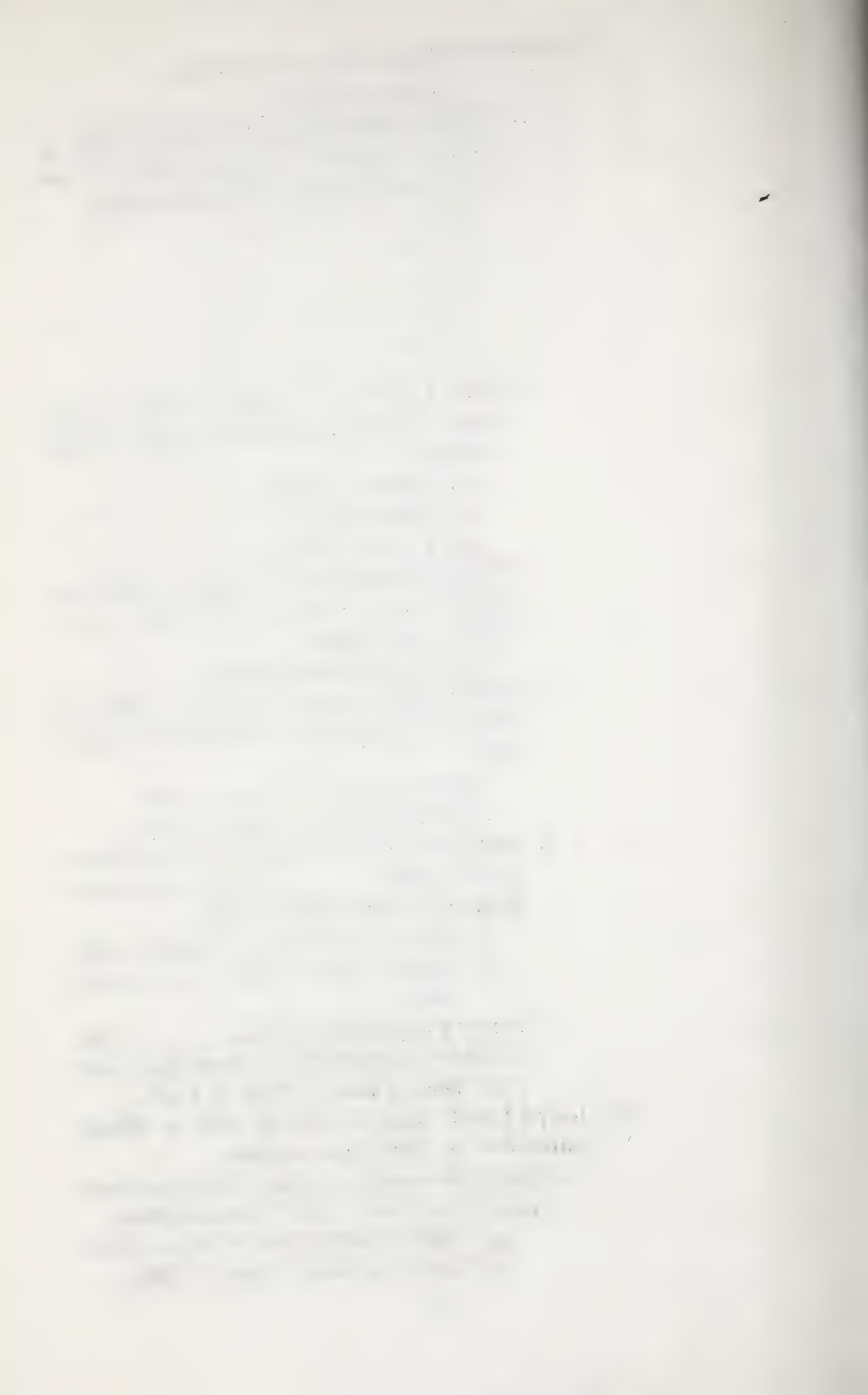
(a) Elva Lynn, b. Nov. _____, 1932.

(b) Bernard Lynn, b. _____.



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- (c) David Lynn, b. _____.
- f. Richard Mason Boaz, b. Nov. 26, 1909; m. Gravelly Eggleston. Richard M. Boaz was killed by accident in 1942. Six children:
 - (a) _____.
 - (b) _____.
 - (c) _____.
 - (d) _____.
 - (e) _____.
 - (f) _____.
- g. Edna Earl Boaz, b. Apr. 7, 1911; m. Joe Penn, a farmer near Reidsville, N. C. Three children:
 - (a) Cathaleen Penn, b. _____.
 - (b) Billy Penn, b. _____.
 - (c) Joe Ann Penn, b. _____.
- h. Robert Eldridge Boaz, b. Apr. 27, 1913; m. Mollie Stuart. Living in Reidsville, N. C. (1949). One child:
 - (a) Gypsy Eldridge Boaz, b. _____.
- i. William Dew Boaz, b. Oct. 16, 1916; m. Dorthy Southard, Jan. 6, 1944. Two children:
 - (a) Sheila Boaz, b. Dec. 15, 1945.
 - (b) Dewey Boaz, b. July 7, 1947.
- j. Inez Ollie Boaz, b. May 25, 1919; m. David Barker, Sept. _____, 1943. Living near Reidsville, N. C. Two children:
 - (a) Shirley Jean Barker, b. Sept. 30, 1944.
 - (b) David Wayne Barker, b. Nov. 29, 1946.
- k. Harold Douglas Boaz, b. Nov. _____, 1930; m. Edith Campbell, Mar. 1, 1946. One child:
 - (a) Donald Boaz, b. Mar. 6, 1947.
- (3) Joseph Cabell Boaz, b. Feb. 10, 1881; m. Mattie Dunn, Feb. 10, 1909. Eight children:
 - a. Joseph Aubrey Boaz, b. Jan. 8, 1911; m. Katharine Trent, Nov. 2, 1935. Seven children:
 - (a) Millie Jeanette Boaz, b. Feb. 1, 1939.
 - (b) Bettie Lou Boaz, b. Sept. 7, 1943.



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- (c) Linda Paulette Boaz, b. Sept. 6, 1944.
 - (d) Ann Marie Boaz, b. _____, 1945.
 - (e) Patsy Jean Boaz, b. Jan. _____, 1946.
 - (f) James Aubrey Boaz, b. July 4, 1947.
 - (g) William Everette Boaz, b. Dec. 22, 1948.
 - b. Thomas Alfred Boaz, b. Nov. 13, 1912; m. Avis Arthur, Aug. 29, 1936. Two children:
 - (a) Judith Yvonne Boaz, b. Sept. 16, 1939.
 - (b) Joan Adelaide Boaz, b. Apr. 20, 1947.
 - c. Harvey Brown Boaz, b. Sept. 29, 1914; m. Cleo Matthews, Dec. 25, 1939. One son:
 - (a) Harvey Brown Boaz, Jr., b. Nov. 13, 1942.
 - d. Buford Arnold Boaz, b. Sept. 7, 1916; m. Grace Harris, Nov. 19, 1938. Living near Ridgeway (1949). Sawmill business. Two children:
 - (a) Dorothy Virginia Boaz, b. Apr. 5, 1943.
 - (b) Lewis Arnold Boaz, b. Feb. 25, 1947.
 - e. Elaine Charlotte Boaz, b. Jan. 10, 1919; m. John D. Craddock, July 30, 1938, a mechanic. Lives near Ridgeway, Va. One child:
 - (a) John D. Craddock, Jr., b. Mar. 3, 1944.
 - f. Daisey Tuttle Boaz, b. Dec. 6, 1920; m. James Gerald Hall, of Danville, Va., Apr. 9, 1939. Three children:
 - (a) Carolyn Ann Hall, b. Apr. 23, 1940.
 - (b) Geraldine Hall, b. Mar. 25, 1944.
 - (c) James Cabell Hall, b. Aug. 29, 1948.
 - g. James Elmo Boaz, b. Dec. 12, 1922. Attended business college at Martinsville, Va. Single.
 - h. Jesse Cabell Boaz, b. Feb. 5, 1926. Attended Roanoke College, Salem, Va., and Virginia Southern College.
3. Mary A. W. Boaz, b. Aug. 12, 1859; m. Thomas F. Eggleston, Dec. 20, 1877. Five children:
- (1) Carrie L. Eggleston, b. Aug. 8, 1880; m. Frank

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Wade. Living now (1949) in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Three children:

- a. _____.
- b. _____.
- c. _____.

(2) Bennie Luther Eggleston, b. Nov. 15, 1886. Wyoming.

(3) James A. Eggleston, b. Feb. 15, 1890. Wyoming.

(4) Annie M. Eggleston, b. Aug. 9, 1892; m. J. R. Gilley. Living near Salem, Va. He is a retired R.R. man. One child:

- a. Beth Gilley, b. _____.

(5) Guy Thomas Eggleston, b. Oct. 6, 1894; m. _____. Six children: Names unknown at this time to writer.

4. James R. Boaz, b. Mar. 1, 1862; m. Emanda Morris. Living now (1949) near Hillsville, Va. Seven children:

(1) Marvin Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

(2) Herman Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

One son:

- a. Herman Boaz, Jr., b. _____.

(3) Ida Boaz, b. _____; m. Robie Manning. Living near Broadway, Va. Two children:

- a. Buford Manning, b. _____.

- b. Herman Manning, b. _____.

(4) Vandie Boaz, b. _____; m. Bruce Cole. Lives near Hillsville, Va. (1949). Two children:

- a. Alma Cole, b. _____.

- b. _____.

(5) Willie Boaz, b. _____; m. Ila Cox. No children.

(6) Walker Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

Three children:

- a. _____.

- b. _____.

- c. _____.

(7) Charles Boaz, b. _____; m. Susie _____.

Two children:

- a. Warren Boaz, b. _____.

- b. _____.

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5. Abram Thomas Boaz, b. Apr. 19, 1867; m. Minnie Fagg. Practiced medicine at Stonesville, N. C., for many years. Died 1941. Minnie (Fagg) Boaz died 1938. One child:
- (1) Thomas Boaz, Jr., b. _____; m. _____ Wright of Winston-Salem, N. C. He is a dentist in Winston-Salem. Two children:
 - a. _____.
 - b. _____.
6. Betty Emma Boaz, b. June 17, 1869; m. Dorsey J. Gilley, Feb. 3, 1886. Lived near Axton, Va. She died 1938. He died 1944. Seven children:
- (1) Willie Herbert Gilley, b. June 5, 1888; d. July 1, 1890.
 - (2) Annie Gray Gilley, b. May 8, 1891. Single.
 - (3) Harry Clay Gilley, b. Oct. 3, 1894; m. Lucy Mildred Winn, Oct. 7, 1914. Four children:
 - a. Elizabeth Winn Gilley, b. Dec. 13, 1915; m. Connie Kincheloe, Aug. 20, 1935. Lives at Manassas, Va. Two children:
 - (a) Connie Winn Kincheloe, b. July 18, 1937.
 - (b) Barbara Ann Kincheloe, b. July 18, 1939.
 - b. Lucy Evelyn Gilley, b. May 23, 1921; m. Marvin Wells, of Manassas, Va., June 30, 1945. One child:
 - (a) Evelyn Kay Wells, b. July 2, 1947.
 - c. Harry Claybrook Gilley, b. Jan. 5, 1932. Single.
 - d. Nancy Clark Gilley, b. Nov. 5, 1933. Single.
 - (4) Dorsey Clark Gilley, b. Aug. 26, 1896; m. Thelma Ashby, Nov. 10, 1928. He died Apr. 20, 1932. One child:
 - a. Emily Lou Gilley, b. _____; m. O. K. Chappell, Sept. 2, 1947. Lives at Martinsville, Va. One child:
 - (a) Elizabeth Chappell, b. Sept. 3, 1948.
 - (5) Drewry Gilley, b. June 19, 1900; d. Aug. 14, 1901.
 - (6) Bessie May Gilley, b. July 19, 1909; m. Silas

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Bernard Scarce, Dec. 23, 1927. Lives at Axton, Va. One child:

a. Bettie Frances Scarce, b. Jan. 28, 1932.

(7) Hugh Gerald Gilley, b. July 9, 1910; d. Apr. 18, 1911.

7. Ida L. Boaz, b. Aug. 28, 1875; m. Ben Dunn. Lived in Boise, Idaho. Ida L. (Boaz) Dunn died some years ago. One child:

(1) Bertye Alvis Dunn, b. Dec. 5, 1898; m. A. F. See-lye. They live at Boise, Idaho (1949).

8. Bertye A. Boaz, b. Mar. 28, 1878; m. Jesse Thomas Dunn and moved to Wichita, Kan. Three children:

(1) Ralph Dunn, b. _____.

(2) Gladys Dunn, b. _____.

(3) Jesse Thomas Dunn III, b. 1910; m. daughter of Dr. Ulysses S. McClure, of Charleston, W. Va.

IV. James Russell Boaz, b. Apr. 20, 1828; m. Terpheny Casey (b. Apr. 18, 1833). He was a strong and robust man. He stood six feet in height and weighed about one hundred sixty-five pounds. His hair was brown, his eyes blue and complexion fair. He was kind and just and well beloved by all who knew him. When the Civil War broke upon the country he had been married for only a few months. He left his wife and one child behind and enlisted in the Confederate Army. For four long years he served and was in the Quartermaster Corps, having charge of a number of wagons that hauled supplies to the army. After the close of the war he and his family, like many others, in those dark days of reconstruction, had quite a struggle to make both ends meet. They suffered many handicaps, such as loss of home by fire, much sickness, and many other ills. He died in Apr., 1907, and was buried in the family cemetery on his own farm near Nettle Ridge, Patrick County, Va.

Terpheny Tearosse (Casey) Boaz was the daughter of John N. Casey, a prosperous surveyor and planter. She was a good wife, a devoted mother, and kind neighbor. Her life was not an easy one. When her daily chores in the home and on the farm were over she often worked far into the night spinning thread and weaving cloth from which she made clothing for her family. If not engaged in this task she was knitting socks

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or gloves for her family or making suits for the young men of the community. She died in Apr., 1909, and her body was laid to rest in the family cemetery beside that of her husband.

To James Russell and Terpheny (Casey) Boaz were born four sons and four daughters, namely: John P. A., Henrietta, James Robert, Elizabeth Wills, Mary Tearosse, William Stephen, Sarah Cathrine, and George Thomas.

1. John P. A. Boaz was born in Patrick County, Va., Jan. 16, 1857, and died July 12, 1858.
2. Henrietta Boaz was born June 12, 1859. She was educated in the public schools of Patrick County. In early womanhood she met and married James Tilley, of Pilot, N. C. To them were born four sons and five daughters: (1) Nannie, (2) Walter, (3) Boaz, (4) Pleas, (5) Ida, (6) Bertha, (7) Pearl, (8) Garland, (9) Sallie. The four sons and one daughter are deceased. Boaz Tilley was for a number of years a member of the faculty of a business college in Winston-Salem, N. C. Ida, Bertha, Pearl, and Sallie are all married and live in North Carolina. Henrietta Boaz was a devout member of the Missionary Baptist Church.
3. James Robert Boaz was born in Patrick County Oct. 21, 1862. He was born after his father had left for the Confederate Army and when times were hard. When a child he began to help in any possible way to earn a living for the family. He and his father were very industrious and soon paid for a small farm near Nettle Ridge on which his parents lived for the remaining days of their lives.

James Robert Boaz was a man of fine mental qualities. He took advantage of all educational facilities available at that time. He was six feet in height and weighed about one hundred seventy pounds. His eyes were blue, his hair a dark brown and his complexion medium. For many years he was prominently connected with the political and business interests of Patrick County, serving for several years as deputy treasurer; was for three terms elected sheriff; served for some years as Deputy Commissioner of Revenues. Following retirement he operated a tobacco house at Critz, Va.

Although he was in declining health for some years

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his critical illness was of short duration. He died Aug. 25, 1945, due to an ailment of the heart. Funeral services were conducted from his home by Rev. Charles J. Bright, pastor of the Methodist Church at Stuart, Va. After which the Masonic Order, of which he was a faithful member, took charge, using the impressive Masonic Rites, concluding the service at Nettle Ridge Cemetery, where interment was made.

Kate Gilley Boaz, wife of James Robert Boaz, was born in Henry County, Va., Mar. 6, 1879. She is the daughter of William and Martha Flannagan Gilley. She has been a faithful wife and devoted mother. She has spent her entire life in unselfish service to her family. At the present time (1949) she is not in robust health and is living with her daughter, Myrtle (Boaz) Hairfield, at Critz, Va.

James Robert Boaz and Kate Leslie Gilley were married on May 2, 1897. They lived on a farm adjoining that of his father until 1904 when they moved to Stuart, Va., the county seat of Patrick County, where he built a comfortable home and there lived for the remaining years of his life. To him and his wife two daughters and six sons were born: (1) Myrtle, (2) James William, (3) Thomas Edgar, (4) John Marshall, (5) Beverly Gilley, (6) Martha T., (7) Robert Clyde, and (8) Richard Woodrow.

(1) Myrtle Boaz was born at Nettle Ridge, Va., on Feb. 28, 1898. She was educated in the public schools of the county and Radford State Teachers College. She married Rora A. Hairfield, of Axton, Va., Sept. 24, 1924. They are now (1949) living at Critz, Va. They have no children. For twenty-two years she taught in the schools of Patrick County. Rora A. Hairfield is Agent Operator for the Southern Railway and is stationed at Martinsville, Va.

(2) James William Boaz, b. Feb. 21, 1900, at Nettle Ridge, Va. He was educated in the public schools of the county and William and Mary College. He is an accountant by profession. At present (1949) he is employed by the Southeastern Construction

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Company in Charlotte, N. C. The company is building a \$5,000,000 rental project and he is comptroller on the job. He is a Shriner in Masonic circles and unmarried.

- (3) Thomas Edgar Boaz, b. Jan. 10, 1902, at Nettle Ridge. After finishing high school he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he remained for six years. While in the Navy he studied pharmacy. On Aug. 12, 1929, he married Blanche Beatty of Waynesboro, Va. They have no children. He died of a head injury on Jan. 9, 1939, and his body was laid to rest in the Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

Blanche Beatty Boaz, widow of Thomas Edgar Boaz, now lives in Takoma Park, Md., 25 Lincoln Ave. She has an LL.B. and an LL.M. from George Washington University. She is employed by the Department of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C. Her work is in analyzing the questions and issues that arise from appeals of taxpayers with the Tax Court of the United States. They form a part of the permanent records of the Washington office. Her title is that of Junior Attorney.

- (4) John Marshall Boaz, b. July 28, 1904, at Stuart, Va. After graduation from high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army for a term of three years. While in the army he studied civil engineering. He is now (1949) vice-president of the Kirby Lithographing Co. in Washington, D. C. On July 26, 1925, he married Sarah Harlow of Alexandria, Va. They have six children, namely:

- a. Marshall W. Boaz, b. Mar. 2, 1927.
- b. James E. Boaz, b. Feb. 16, 1928.
- c. Joan C. Boaz, b. Aug. 13, 1935; d. Aug. 28, 1937.
- d. John A. Boaz, b. Feb. 14, 1938.
- e. Carol Boaz, b. Oct. 7, 1940.
- f. Dorothy Jean Boaz, b. June 2, 1946.

John Marshall Boaz and family now live in Alexandria, Va.

- (5) Beverly Gilley Boaz, b. Jan. 2, 1908. He received

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his education in the public schools of the county. When he was eighteen years of age he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he remained for more than two years. Six months of this time was spent in the Mediterranean Sea and the countries bordering that sea. While in the Navy he married Grace Devine of Washington, D. C., in June, 1927. They have three children:

- a. Beverly G. Boaz, Jr., b. Dec. 25, 1928.
- b. Grace Marie Boaz, b. Aug. _____, 1931.
- c. John Martin Boaz, b. _____.

In World War II Beverly Gilley Boaz volunteered for service in the Naval Air Corps. After his basic training at Creed Field, Norfolk, Va., he was assigned to the U.S. "Independence," an airplane carrier. His rating was A.M.M. 2/c. He received a medical discharge while at the U.S. Naval Hospital July, 1943. He and his family are now living in Raleigh, N. C. He is a traveling salesman, also a York Rite Mason.

- (6) Martha T. Boaz was born at Stuart, Va., Oct. 27, 1911. After graduating from the Stuart High School she took her A.B. degree from Madison College in 1933. For several years she taught in the public schools of Bridgewater, Va., and Jefferson-town, Ky. In 1937 she received her B.S. in L.S. at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. She is now (1949) one of the librarians at Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va.
- (7) Robert Clyde Boaz was born at Stuart, Va., Aug. 30, 1916. He received his education in the public schools of Patrick County and William and Mary College and Scranton Lockanna College. During World War II he served in the armed forces for three and one half years. For eighteen months he was in the Quartermaster Corps and stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va. From there he was transferred to the Office of Strategic Service in Washington, D. C. He served in this capacity to the end of the war. He saw service in the China-Burma-India

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Theater of War and was stationed at Calcutta, India. He won several battle stars and a number of citations. He was a sergeant. Robert Clyde Boaz was married to Clara Pinkard of Stuart, Va., on June 29, 1946. They have one daughter:

a. Mary Elizabeth Boaz, b. Mar. 22, 1947.

They live now (1949) at Stuart, Va., where he is in the drug business.

- (8) Richard Woodrow Boaz, the youngest son of James and Kate Boaz, was born at Stuart, Va., Sept. 21, 1919. After finishing high school he attended Wake Forest College, N. C., and Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va. During World War II he was in the service of his country from June 24, 1941, to Oct. 15, 1945. Thirty-four months of this time were spent in Northern Africa and Italy. He was with the Transportation Corps. Most of his time was in detached service. His rank was that of sergeant. He won five battle stars and several citations. On Mar. 22, 1947, he was married to Ada Cox. He is now (1949) employed by the Bowles Construction Company, Martinsville, Va. He became a Mason soon after his return from overseas.
4. Elizabeth Wills Boaz, the second daughter and fourth child of James Russell and Terpheny Boaz, was born in Patrick County, Va., in June, 1867. She was a woman of remarkable qualities and high ideals. She was a devoted member of The Methodist Church and loved by all who knew her. Although she had been in declining health for some time, her critical illness lasted for only a few days. She passed to her final reward on Mar. 20, 1944. On Oct. 31, 1899, she married Robert Lee Griggs. To them four children were born, namely:
- (1) John Boaz Griggs, employed by the U.S. Government in the Agricultural Department.
- (2) Sallie Terpheny Griggs was a lovely girl, a devout Christian. She taught for several years in the public schools of Patrick County. Died from a paralytic stroke Jan. 16, 1943.

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(3) Mabel Griggs is a teacher in the public school system in Patrick County and a member of the Stuart High School faculty.

(4) Harold Lee Griggs married Janie Turner. They have two children:

a. Harold Lee Griggs, Jr.

b. Nancy Elizabeth.

Harold Lee Griggs lives in Martinsville, Va., and is employed by the E. I. DuPont Co.

5. Mary Tearosse Boaz, the third daughter and fifth child of James Russell and Terpheny Boaz, was born in Patrick County, Apr. 8, 1869. She was married to Newton Casey and to them five sons were born, namely:

(1) Russell Casey, who was a soldier in World War I and was gassed on the battlefields of France, an injury from which he never recovered. He succumbed to a second stroke of paralysis in Sept., 1947.

(2) George Dewey Casey.

(3) Robert Casey.

(4) Thomas Boaz Casey.

(5) Howard Casey served in World War II in the Medical Corps. All five of these men are living in Martinsville, Va., and are successful and well liked by all who know them.

Mary Tearosse (Boaz) Casey died of pneumonia in the spring of 1909.

6. William Stephen Boaz, the third son of James Russell and Terpheny Boaz, was born in Patrick County, Va., June 16, 1871. His entire life was spent on the farm and in the same community in which he was born. He was a good citizen, upright in every respect. A good neighbor, a devoted husband and father. He lived a quiet and simple life and was beloved by all who knew him. He was at all times frail and not in robust health. In the fall of 1930 he was stricken with influenza and died the following spring. He married Minnie Frye. To them were born four sons and six daughters, namely:

(1) Hester Boaz, b. June 9, 1899; m. Russell Tatum in 1921. He is a farmer. They live in Patrick

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County, near Stuart. They have six children, as follows:

- a. Aubrey Lee Tatum, b. _____; m. _____.
 - b. Garland Tatum, b. _____; m. _____.
 - c. Ruby Tatum, b. _____; m. _____
Gregory.
 - d. Ralph Tatum, b. _____; m. _____.
 - e. Donald Tatum, b. _____; m. _____.
 - f. John Tatum, b. _____; m. _____.
- (2) Raymond Boaz, b. May 27, 1902; m. Ruby Everhart, 1927. They live now (1949) in Thomasville, N. C., where he is employed by the Thomasville Furniture Co. They have one daughter:
- a. Romona Mac, b. May 26, 1930. Is now (1949) a student at Greensboro Woman's College.
- (3) Robert Boaz, b. Feb. 24, 1904; m. Ida Purcell, 1932. They live on a farm near Nettle Ridge. No children.
- (4) Olive Tearosse Boaz, b. _____, 1906; m. Grover Adams, Apr. 4, 1926. He is a mechanic and she is supervisor in a clothing mill at Chesterfield, S. C. She was for a time a teacher. They have one child:
- a. Stephen Adams, b. Nov. 1, 1935.
- (5) Lucy Boaz, b. Jan. _____, 1908; m. Leslie R. Nance, 1931. Lucy is a nurse and Leslie is manager for the Pure Oil Agency, Martinsville, Va. They have two children:
- a. Jean Marie Nance, b. _____.
 - b. Leslie Raines Nance, Jr., b. _____.
- (6) Hazle Boaz, b. July 7, 1910; m. Sam B. Harbour, 1938. Sam is a farmer, also a trader. Hazle taught for a time but on account of ill health was forced to give up teaching. They have their home in Patrick County and have one son:
- a. Stephen McArthur Harbour.
- (7) Elizabeth Boaz, b. Mar. 3, 1912; m. Alvin Gilley, Oct. 17, 1936. They live at Galax, Va. Elizabeth is a bookkeeper for the Soil Conservation Service.

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Alvin is a salesman for the International Harvester Company. They have no children.

(8) Mollie Boaz, b. Oct. 16, 1914; m. Edward Martin, Oct. 17, 1936. They live in Stuart, Va. Edward is manager of the county paper and Mollie does office work. They have no children.

(9) Clayton Boaz, b. Jan. 3, 1919; m. Marjorie Wingfield, 1942. He was a soldier in World War II and served his country to the best of his ability, receiving a medical discharge before the war closed. They live in Martinsville, Va. Clayton works for the Watts Bakery. They have one son:

a. James Clayton Boaz, Jr., b. Sept. 23, 1946.

(10) Herbert Boaz, b. Sept. 13, 1921. He saw much service in World War II. He enlisted in the fall of 1942 and served in the Medical Corps of the Air Force until he went overseas when he was transferred to the Signal Corps and worked with radar. He is unmarried.

7. Sarah Cathrine Boaz, the youngest daughter of James Russell and Terpheny Boaz, was born in Patrick County, Va., Dec. 21, 1874. She was educated in the public schools of the county. In early womanhood she met and married Walter W. Webster. She was an energetic and faithful woman, working diligently for her family and friends. She was a truly good woman and was well beloved by all who knew her. After a long illness she passed to the other world in Nov., 1932. To her and her husband were born one daughter and five sons, namely:

(1) James Aldean Webster, b. _____; m. Laura Weddle. James Aldean was a soldier in World War I and rendered fine service. Their children are:

a. James Aldean Webster, Jr.

b. Shirley Ann Webster.

(2) Thomas Webster, b. _____; d. in 1914.

(3) Bertha Webster, b. _____, 1903; m. Seth Wilkerson. Their children are:

a. Sarah Mosley Wilkerson, b. 1932.

b. Martha Jane Wilkerson, b. _____.

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c. Seth Mac Wilkerson, b. _____.

(4) Claude Lee Webster, b. 1905; m. Kathryn Frazier, Apr. 14, 1930. Their children are:

a. Dorothy Jean Webster, b. Aug. 21, 1932.

b. Claude Lee Webster, Jr., b. July 12, 1936.

(5) Everette Webster, b. Jan. 7, 1907; m. Martha Joyce, July 4, 1931. No children.

(6) George Webster, b. 1909; m. Lilian Dalton. They have one son:

a. Billy Gene Webster, b. 1929.

8. George Thomas Boaz, the last son of James Russell and Terpheny Boaz, was born in Patrick County, Va., May 25, 1877. He grew up on his father's farm and got his education in the public schools of the county. On Oct. 1, 1913, he married Ethel Adams. He is the only surviving son of his parents. He is now (1949) living at Nettle Ridge, near the old home of his father, which he owns. He owns his farm and other real estate and is a fine citizen in his community. For many years he was the mail carrier in Patrick County but on account of ill health was retired some time ago. He is now living quietly on his farm raising cattle and farming. To him and his wife were born three sons and two daughters:

(1) George Thomas Boaz, Jr., b. July 31, 1915, at Nettle Ridge. After graduating from the public schools of his county he married Frances Fuller of Maryland. They live in Salem, Va. He is a traveling salesman. They have two children:

a. Evelyn Elizabeth Boaz, b. Jan. 28, 1940.

b. Stephen Fuller Boaz, b. May 26, 1944.

(2) Ruth Boaz, b. Jan. 14, 1918, at Nettle Ridge, Va. After graduating from high school attended Farmville State Teachers College and Radford State Teachers College, graduating from the latter with the A.B. degree. Taught for several years in the public schools of Patrick County. Married John Gilbert, a young businessman of Martinsville, Va. One child:

a. Elizabeth Ann Gilbert, b. Mar. 19, 1946.

(3) James W. Boaz, b. June 18, 1920. Attended public

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schools and enlisted in U.S. Army Oct. 7, 1941. Belonged to Company M, 135th Infantry, 34th Division. Served 39 months, seeing service in Ireland, Africa, and Italy. Received Distinguished Unit Badge, American Defense Ribbon, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, and Good Conduct Medal. Honorably discharged July 22, 1945. Unmarried.

- (4) Cecil Boaz, b. Dec. 8, 1922. On account of serious ear trouble failed to pass the physical examination for army service. Married Ruby Kathleen Jones, Aug. 20, 1944. Children:

a. Cecil Wade Boaz, b. May 18, 1945.

b. Thomas Newell Boaz, b. Feb. 3, 1947.

Home in Meherrian, Va. (1949).

- (5) Marjorie Ann Boaz, b. July 20, 1927; m. John Alexandrie Dull, Dec. 6, 1947. He is in business in Roanoke, Va. One child:

a. David A. Dull, b. Jan. 7, 1949.

V. Robert Boaz, son of Robert and Martha (Sandifer) Boaz, was born in Patrick County, Va. Date of birth unknown. Married Mary Moorfield of North Carolina. Served in the U.S. Army during the Civil War and died while in the service. Children:

1. Charles Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

Children:

(1) _____.

(2) _____.

(3) _____.

2. Robert Boaz, b. _____. Died with typhoid fever. After the death of their father they moved to Stokes County, N. C.

VI. Thomas Jefferson Boaz, the youngest son of Robert and Martha (Sandifer) Boaz, was born in Patrick County, Va., Nov. 15, 1830. Married Martha Jane Moorefield of Stokes County, N. C. She was born May 19, 1840. They settled on a large farm near Danbury, N. C. He was a successful farmer and became a large landowner and successful merchant. Served in the Civil War as a private in Company H, 24th Virginia Cavalry Regiment. (Historical proof: Vol. 12, page 215, MS. Confederate Records in the Archives Division of the Virginia State Library,

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Richmond, Va.) Very influential in his community and highly regarded by his neighbors. As his children married he gave them substantial tracts of land. He and his family were of the Methodist Church but when they moved to Stokes County, N. C., there was no Methodist Church in that county and they became active in the Baptist Church, thus proving his broad views of the Church Universal. To him and his wife the following children were born:

- I. Robert Abraham Boaz, b. Feb. 23, 1858; m. Edna Brim (b. Nov. 15, 1862). Both born in Stokes County, N. C. He was a successful farmer and spent his life in Stokes County, near Pilot Mountain. Seven children:

- (1) Nora Boaz, b. Jan. 15, 1882; m. O. T. Newsom of Winston-Salem and Dallas, Texas. Two children:

- a. Orville T. Newsom, Jr., an electrical engineer for Warner Bros. for many years. Married Louise Chapman of Atlanta, Ga. One daughter: Totsie Newsom, b. _____.
- b. Joyce Newsom, b. _____; m. Lt. Joseph O. Forte, U.S. Navy. Lived in Washington, D. C., and Virgin Islands. Her second marriage was to M/Sgt. Roger H. Slayton, U.S. Marines, who served overseas in the European and Pacific Areas, World War II; now stationed at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, Calif.

After the death of O. T. Newsom, Sr., Nora (Boaz) Newsom married William Mulloy of Washington, D. C., a real estate and hotel man, who was very successful and retired from business before his death some years ago.

- (2) Raleigh A. Boaz, b. _____; m. Maggie Lawson of Stokes County, N. C. He is a farmer and lumberman. Lived for a time near Pilot Mountain and now (1949) in Winston-Salem. Six children:

- a. Edna Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
- b. R. A. Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
- c. Dick Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

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- d. Edith Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
 - e. Bobbie Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
 - f. Billie Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
- (3) Pearl Boaz, b. Feb. 7, 1887, Stokes County. Attended high school in Siloam, N. C. Married Joe B. Clark of Rosendale, N. C., July 3, 1910. He was an engineer for the Southern and Atlantic and the Coast Line Railroad, later a successful farmer near Rosendale, N. C. Died Nov. 31, 1947. Three children:
- a. J. B. Clark, b. Jan. 10, 1913; died June 28, 1915.
 - b. Joe Boaz Clark, Jr., b. July 28, 1920. Attended Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, N. C. Served in World War II from Sept. 16, 1942, to Dec. 31, 1945. Sgt. in Quartermaster Corps. Served in South Pacific at Caledonia, Manila, and Tokyo, Japan. Now a bookkeeper for Maxton Supply Co., Maxton, N. C. Married Louise Odom of Maxton, N. C., Apr. 3, 1943. One son: Joe Boaz Clark III, b. June 26, 1947.
 - c. Eleanor Ann Clark, b. Mar. 1, 1924. Attended Peace Junior College and Kings Business College, both in Raleigh, N. C. Now (1949) secretary of Clarkton Gramwood Products Company, Inc., of Clarkton, N. C. Married James O. Buie of Clarkton, Feb. 9, 1948. He is a progressive farmer. All members of the Joe B. Clark family attend the Presbyterian Church.
- (4) James M. Boaz, b. June 6, 1891, in Stokes County, N. C.; m. Ida Tilley, Mar. 31, 1912. He is a successful farmer. Four children:
- a. Lilian B. Boaz, b. June 9, 1913; m. James G. Joyce, Jan. 23, 1931, a progressive farmer of Stokes County. Three children:
 - (a) Ardell Joyce, b. Jan. 5, 1932.
 - (b) Bettie Ann Joyce, b. Jan. 25, 1934.
 - (c) Nancy Joe Joyce, b. May 8, 1941.

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- b. Mary E. Boaz, b. July 15, 1915; m. Thomas B. Wilson of Stokes County, Nov. 28, 1935, a successful farmer. No children.
- c. Iris Elizabeth Boaz, b. May 7, 1920; m. James Osbey Slate of Stokes County, a successful farmer and warehouse operator, Apr. 2, 1944. Two children:
 - (a) Osbey Gray Slate, b. Apr. 25, 1945.
 - (b) Elizabeth Kay Slate, b. Apr. 8, 1947.
- d. James R. Boaz, b. Nov. 13, 1922.

James M. Boaz and all members of his family were members of the Brim's Grove Baptist Church. He died Mar. 30, 1924.

- (5) Jerry O. Boaz, b. Aug. 18, 1892, in Stokes County, N. C. He is a veteran of World War I, having served in France from 1916 to 1919, Corporal in the 81st Division. Is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Forty and Eight, Rotary, and a Mason. He is now (1949) agent for the Dodge and Plymouth Company in Lexington, N. C. Lives on his farm near Lexington and conducts his business from his home. He and his family belong to the Methodist Church. On June 14, 1921, he married Lilian Sink (born Jan. 1, 1902). She is a graduate of the Greensboro College (Methodist) and a member of the D.A.R. One child:

- a. Meredith Boaz, b. Sept. 30, 1926, at Lexington, N. C. Graduated from Salem College, Winston-Salem, N. C., with the B.A. degree. Married Ray Bobo, Dec. 2, 1948. He graduated from Clemson College, Clemson, S. C., in Textile Engineering. Served in World War II as Captain, a pilot in the Air Corps. Now connected with the Burlington Mills Corporation in Lexington as a technical engineer.

- (6) Lois Virginia Boaz, b. May 10, 1895, Stokes County, N. C. Attended school at Brim's Grove, N. C. Married Arthur Reid of Winston-Salem, on May

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20, 1913. He is agent and broker in the office supply business and Southern Sales Manager for the Baltimore Salesbook Company. For the past twenty-seven years she has been employed by Sosnik's Specialty Shop in Winston-Salem, N. C. Both are members of the Moravian Church.

- (7) Roscoe Conklin Boaz, b. Dec. 17, 1898, in Stokes County, N. C. Attended school at Brim's Grove, N. C. Married Ethel Fulk on May 24, 1918. She was born Dec. 5, 1901. She is an active member of the Methodist Church and an Eastern Star. He was an active and very successful businessman in Pilot Mountain, operating a garage and also agent for home appliances, including the Maytag Washing Machine Agency. He was also a successful farmer. He was Past Master of the Masonic Lodge and President of the Farm Bureau of Pilot Mountain. He was active in the Methodist Church, being a steward and District Lay Leader and Assistant Sunday School Superintendent. He was a liberal contributor to the building of the new Methodist church in Pilot Mountain. He died of a heart attack on Friday night, Nov. 12, 1948, while attending a fellowship supper at the Level Cross Methodist Church. He had just finished an address and was joining in the singing of a hymn when the heart attack came. To him and his wife three children were born:

- a. Betty Lou Boaz, b. Jan. 15, 1920, Pilot Mountain. Attended the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, N. C. Married Oscar Wilbur Smith of Pilot Mountain, July 23, 1938. He was born June 8, 1913. Attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N. C., and the Southern College of Pharmacy, Atlanta, Ga. He owns and operates Smith's Drug Store in Pilot Mountain. Two children:

- (a) Oscar Wilbur Smith, Jr., b. Apr. 23, 1942.

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(b) Sue Ray Smith, b. Aug. 25, 1944.

Betty Lou and Oscar Smith are both active in the Methodist Church and in all religious and political affairs of the community. He is a Mason and she an Eastern Star.

- b. Raymond Jefferson Boaz, b. Sept. 11, 1922, Pilot Mountain. Attended Oak Ridge Military Institute, Oak Ridge, N. C. Served in World War II in the Transportation Division as a First Sgt. from Jan., 1943, to Dec., 1945. Was in the European Area, England, France, Holland, Belgium, and Germany. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and very active in the Methodist Church, following in the steps of his father. He carries on his father's business and is a very fine young man. Married Norman Opal Forrest, Oct. 6, 1942. She was born Feb. 23, 1923, at Francisco, N. C., where she attended school. One child:

(a) Raymond Jefferson Boaz, Jr., b. Sept. 5, 1948.

- c. Ethel Sue Boaz, b. Sept. 30, 1924. Graduated from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, N. C., with the degree of B.S.M. and is now (1949) an instructor in music in the Pilot Mountain High School. Married Harry Kent Swanson, Jr., of Pilot Mountain, Oct. 23, 1944 (born Mar. 18, 1924). He served in World War II from Jan., 1943, to Mar., 1946, as a Second Lt. in the Air Corps. Now connected with the Pilot Theatre Company. Two children:

(a) Suzanne Swanson, b. Dec. 3, 1945, Pilot Mountain.

(b) Harry K. Swanson III, b. Nov. 30, 1946.

2. Mary Ella Boaz, b. May 15, 1859, in Stokes County, N. C.; d. Feb. 1, 1887; m. Samuel Cook, a livestock dealer and

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trader in tobacco, also a farmer and dealer in general merchandise. Four children:

(1) Edgar Cook, b. _____. Served in the U.S. Army several years, stationed at Galveston, Texas, and escaped the Galveston flood. Retired from the Army and was employed by Swift and Company as Southern Sales Manager, Jacksonville, Fla., until the time of his death a few years ago. Was twice married. One child: a son, name unknown.

(2) Martha Ann Cook, b. Jan. 4, 1883; m. Samuel E. Simmons, of Stokes County, a progressive farmer. Two children:

a. Ella Simmons, b. _____; m. Ezra Smith.

b. Thomas Simmons, b. _____.

Martha Ann (Cook) died Oct. 2, 1912. He died 1947.

(3) Charlie Cook, b. _____; m. _____. One daughter: name unknown. Home in New Jersey and New York.

(4) Verda Cook, b. _____, in Stokes County; m. Jesse George of Stokes County, successful farmer. Both members of the Baptist Church and very influential. Three children:

a. Flossie George, b. _____; m. Charles Martin. Home Winston-Salem, N. C. Two children:

(a) _____.

(b) _____.

b. Charlie George, b. _____; died unmarried.

c. Ray George, b. _____; m. Rachel Nunn. One daughter: Nancy George.

3. Thomas Jefferson Boaz, b. _____, in Stokes County, N. C. Farmer in North Carolina, Kentucky, and Virginia. Retired and lived with his children until death in Roderfield, W. Va. Married Susan Lawson and to them were born seven children:

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- (1) Scales Boaz, b. _____; died when a young man; unmarried.
 - (2) Vick Boaz, b. _____; m. Johnnie Thore. Home W. Va.
 - (3) Dixie Boaz, b. _____; m. _____. Home in Ohio.
 - (4) Ollie Boaz, b. _____; m. _____ Joyce. Home W. Va.
 - (5) Zula Boaz, b. _____; m. _____. Home in Kentucky.
 - (6) Thomas Gorrell Boaz, b. _____; m. _____ Berry, of Kentucky.
 - (7) Dewey Boaz, b. _____; m. _____. Thomas is a conductor for a R.R. company, Williamston, W. Va. Dewey is a dispatcher for a railroad.
4. Martha Ann Boaz, b. Oct. 12, 1866, Stokes County, N. C.; m. Samuel East of Stokes County, farmer and mail carrier (rural). Three children:
- (1) Sandy East, b. _____; m. Estelle Tilley. He was a salesman for a weight and scales company. Died 1948 in Winston-Salem. His widow works for Jelleff's Department Store, Washington, D. C.
 - (2) Ethel East, b. _____; m. Marcellus A. Fisher, who served in World Wars I and II. Is connected with a laundry in Washington, D. C.
 - (3) Paul East, b. _____; m. Blanche Vernon. Two daughters. Names unknown. Home in Winston-Salem, N. C.
5. Sue Ida Boaz, b. Sept. 9, 1869, in Stokes County, N. C.; m. Wiley Jackson Simmons of Stokes County, Apr. 4, 1886. He was a progressive farmer and lumberman in North Carolina and West Virginia. Sold their farm in Stokes County and bought one near Pilot Mountain where they lived for many years. Wiley J. Simmons died July 6, 1943. His widow, Sue Ida (Boaz) Simmons, lives in Pilot Mountain, N. C., and is a member of the First Baptist Church. Five children:
- (1) Bertha Cora Simmons, b. Sept. 2, 1887. Attended

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Catawba College, Concord, N. C. Married Samuel C. Carson, Nov. 4, 1909. He is a large landowner and successful businessman in Pilot Mountain. She was a member of the Baptist Church and died in Mar., 1946. Children:

- a. Willie Imogene Carson, b. July 14, 1910; m. Mack Gordon of Pinnacle, N. C. He is a progressive farmer. She attended the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. They are members of the Baptist Church. One child: died in infancy.
- b. Ruth Josephine Carson, b. Sept. 7, 1912; m. Howard William Lynch of Pilot Mountain, who served in the U.S. Navy in World War II in the Pacific Theater, as storekeeper and postal clerk. Is now (1949) with his father in operating a department and furniture store in Pilot Mountain. He attended the University of North Carolina. She is a graduate of the Pilot Mountain High School. Two children:

(a) Ann Barbara Lynch, b. Mar. 12, 1943.

(b) Myra Gale Lynch, b. Jan. 17, 1947.

The family attend the Baptist Church; are members.

- c. Ruth Rita Carson, b. June 26, 1919; m. John D. Fulk of Mt. Airy, N. C. Both are graduates from high schools. He served in World War II. One child:

(a) Joe Sammy Fulk, b. Sept. 24, 1941.

- d. Nina Jacqueline Carson, b. Mar. 26, 1915; m. Paul B. Plyler of Charlotte, N. C. He is a farmer and plumbing contractor. She is a graduate of the Pilot Mountain High School. They attend the Presbyterian Church. One child:

(a) Carson Paul Plyler, b. May 24, 1939.

- e. Samuel C. Carson, b. Mar. 3, 1925; died a young boy.

- (2) Georgia Elma Simmons, b. Sept. 21, 1890, in

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Stokes County; m. Albert M. Bray, Dec. 25, 1910. He has been in the furniture business for many years and is now (1949) superintendent of a furniture factory in Thomasville, N. C. They are Baptists. Four children:

- a. Guthrie Lyle Bray, b. May 16, 1912. Attended the Woman's College of the University of N. C. Married G. C. Thomas, Jr. (born Aug. 11, 1911), of Winston-Salem. He is a successful automobile dealer in Charlotte, N. C. Shriner. One child: Susan Thomas, b. Feb. 14, 1938. Baptists.
- b. Albert Maurice Bray, b. May 12, 1914. Attended high school. Enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Aug. 23, 1933. Served in World War II in Trinidad, B.W.I., Mar., 1941, to Sept., 1942; Pacific Ocean Area, Feb., 1943, to July, 1945. Participated in offensive action against the Japanese at Peleliu, Palau Islands, Okinawa, Shima, Ryukyu Rhetto. Rank, Master Sergeant. Will remain in the Marine Corps until retirement. Married Josephine McCready of New York City. No children.
- c. Herman Blair Bray, b. Jan. 10, 1916. Graduated from Winston-Salem H. S. Served as enlisted man from 1941 to 1943; as Second Lt. from 1943 to 1946. Pilot in Air Corps and bombing instructor at training fields in Miss., Ala., and Fla. Entered Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., to study law. He is a Mason and member of the Baptist Church. Married Margaret Love Milne of Bryn Mawr, Pa., Jan. 18, 1947. Two children:
 - (a) Marion Wister Bray, b. Jan. 12, 1940.
 - (b) Madeline Bray, b. Oct. 27, 1947, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
- d. J. Douglas Bray, b. Apr. 27, 1920. Graduated from Oak Ridge Military Institute, Oak Ridge, N. C., as a 1st. Lt. Served four years

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in World War II, 201st Infantry Regiment. Six months in Japan. Married Dorothy E. Baumgarner of Thomasville, N. C., Dec. 28, 1942. She is a graduate from the Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C., and taught in Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia. Douglas Bray is now (1949) with the State Industrial Bank of Thomasville, N. C. He is a deacon in the Baptist Church, member of the Lion's Club and a Mason. One child:

(a) Jeffery Douglas Bray, b. Feb. 9, 1948, at Thomasville, N. C.

(3) Myrtice Ida Simmons, b. May 22, 1894; m. Claud E. McDaniel of Pilot Mountain, Feb. 3, 1915, a businessman and livestock dealer of Red Springs, N. C. She is a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Attend the Baptist and Presbyterian churches. Four daughters:

a. Melba McDaniel, b. Dec. 21, 1915. Graduated from the Red Springs H. S. and attended Flora McDonald College. Now Purchasing agent for the city of Red Springs, N. C. Married Jack Melcher of North Adams, Mass., in 1941. He served in World War II in the European Area as 1st Lt. in the Quartermaster Corps in England, France, and Germany. She is a Presbyterian. One daughter:

(a) Patricia Ann Melcher, b. July 4, 1942.

b. Mary Frances McDaniel, b. July 30, 1918. Graduated from Red Springs H. S., received her B.A. degree from Flora McDonald College, 1938. Married Thomas E. Harris, July 4, 1937. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II. Both are in the retail business in Morganton and Forest City, N. C. Baptists. Two sons:

(a) Thomas E. Harris, Jr., b. Aug. 30, 1940.

(b) James C. Harris, b. Dec. 9, 1946.

- c. Virginia McDaniel, b. Sept. 14, 1922. Graduated from Red Springs H. S. and Flora McDonald College with B.A. degree in 1944. Married Joe Hill Harrington, Jr., of Lumberton, N. C., Nov. 7, 1945. He is an attorney at law. Served in the U.S. Air Corps in World War II.
 - d. Margaret Caroline McDaniel, b. July 18, 1927. Graduated from Red Springs H. S., attended Flora McDonald College and took her B.A. degree from the University of N. C. in Journalism, 1948.
- (4) Beatrice Flossie Simmons, b. Oct. 10, 1898. Attended Pilot Mountain H. S. and Draughon's Business College, Winston-Salem, N. C. Employed for the past twenty-two years as credit manager and comptroller of Sosnik's Specialty Shop of Winston-Salem, N. C. Married Duncan Blue Black of Burgaw, N. C., on Nov. 6, 1923. He is Resident Construction Engineer for Robert and Company Associates, Inc., Atlanta, Ga. Graduate from Georgia Technological College in Civil and Mechanical Engineering. Member B.P.O., Elks, and Buckhead (Atlanta) Georgia Lodge No. 1635. Attends Presbyterian Church. She is a member of the Baptist Church. One son:
- a. Duncan Blue Black, Jr., b. Jan. 20, 1925, Mt. Airy, N. C. Graduated from H. S. and Junior College and from Edwards Military Institute as a Cadet Major, Salemburg, N. C. Attended North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C., where he was a member of the Engineering Fraternity; received a B.S. degree in Commerce from the Citadel, Charleston, S. C., in 1946. Employed as a Sales Representative for Walker Martin, Inc., Raleigh, N. C., distributors of General Electric Appliances. Is a Baptist Church member.
- (5) Bailey Y. Simmons, b. Feb. 23, 1900. Attended Pilot Mountain H. S. Is a progressive farmer.

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Married Blanche Watson of Surry County, N. C.
She was born June 6, 1903. Methodists. Two sons:

a. Barton Watson Simmons, b. Mar. 11, 1926,
Red Springs, N. C. Graduated from Pilot
Mountain H. S. Served in World War II
from Aug. 10, 1944, to June 7, 1946, in the
U.S. Navy Rec. Trg. Com. and USNTADC,
USS LST 545 and 856, Seaman First Class,
in the Pacific Area. Received the American
Area Ribbon, Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific
Area Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon.
Farming at this time near Pilot Mountain.
Attends the Baptist Church.

b. Ted Simmons, b. May 19, 1932, at Pilot
Mountain. Attending Pilot Mountain H. S.
at this time, 1949.

6. Liller S. Boaz, b. Nov. 25, 1878, in Stokes County, N. C.;
m. John J. Sheppard, farmer and trader, July 3, 1898.
He died Apr., 1929; she died Mar. 22, 1948. Nine chil-
dren:

(1) Esther M. Sheppard, b. July 1, 1899; m. Claud
Gordon on Dec. 24, 1918.

(2) Schouler C. Sheppard, b. Aug. 17, 1901; m. R. L.
Matthews, Mar. 12, 1929.

(3) J. Jefferson Sheppard, b. Dec. 11, 1903; m. Georgia
Wilson, May, 1932. He died Mar. 9, 1939.

(4) Louis G. Sheppard, b. Apr. 29, 1906; m. Claudie
Holder, July 10, 1932.

(5) Mattie Era Sheppard, b. Apr. 13, 1909; m. Wiley
Kiser, Nov. 26, 1932.

(6) Orice Sheppard, b. Feb. 24, 1912; m. Alonzo Cole,
Nov. 26, 1932.

(7) Roe Sheppard, b. Mar. 30, 1914; d. Apr. 6, 1914.

(8) Ader Thelmer Sheppard, b. May 28, 1915; m.
Glen H. Cole.

(9) Charlie Sheppard, b. Sept. 14, 1917; m. Versie
Boyles. After her death m. Jewell Hare, July 10,
1937.

Liller (Boaz) Sheppard was a member of the Volunteer
Primitive Baptist Church, Pinnacle, N. C., and the chil-

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dren attend the Brim's Grove Baptist Church.

7. Verlie Boaz, b. July 29, 1884, Stokes County; m. Ollie M. Rutledge of Stokes County. He was born June 8, 1873; died Oct. 20, 1937. She died Mar. 23, 1942. He was a farmer and all members of the Baptist Church. Eight children:

- (1) Marie Rutledge, b. _____, 1898; d. 1924.
- (2) Pete O. Rutledge, b. _____, 1900; farmer; d. Dec. 17, 1948. Married and lived in Stokes County, N. C.
- (3) Jack Rutledge, b. _____, 1905; farmer; d. 1925.
- (4) Sam Rutledge, b. _____. Farmer. Lives near Pilot Mountain.
- (5) Mary Rutledge, b. _____; m. Fred East. Lives at High Point, N. C., R.F.D. 3.
- (6) Ollie Rutledge, b. _____; m. _____. Lives at High Point, N. C., R.F.D. 3.
- (7) Joe Bill Rutledge, b. _____; m. _____. Lives at McKinsville, N. C.
- (8) Martha Rutledge, b. Jan. 2, 1910; m. Paul Tucker. Lives at Leaksville, N. C.

- B. Tabitha Boaz, daughter of James and Ann (Russell) Boaz, came with her parents to Patrick County, Va., when she was a small child. The date of her birth is unknown and neither do we have any knowledge of her education. In proper time she was married to James Taylor, a Patrick County man. Children:

- I. Ellen Taylor, b. _____; m. _____.
- II. Jerry Taylor, b. _____; m. _____.
- III. James Taylor, b. _____; m. _____.
- IV. Daniel Taylor, b. _____; m. _____.
- V. Child, name unknown.

Tabitha (Boaz) Taylor lived to be ninety-nine years of age and by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren was known as "Grandmother Tabby." She was buried in the Taylor Cemetery near Patrick Springs, Va. Some of her great-grandchildren are still living and remember visiting her when she was blind and bedridden. It is regretted that we do not know more about her and her descendants.

- C. Agnes Boaz, the second daughter of James and Ann (Russell) Boaz, was born after her parents moved to Patrick County. Noth-

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ing is known of her educational advantages nor of any of her descendants. In due time she was married to Daniel Pedigo but the time and place is now unknown. She was doubtless named for her grandmother, Agnes Boaz, the wife of the original Thomas Boaz, who came to America in 1748 and settled in Pittsylvania County, Va.

- D. James Boaz, the second son and fourth child of James and Ann (Russell) Boaz, was born in Patrick County, Va. From certain records it is known that he married Elizabeth Rodgers. At the present time nothing is known of his descendants. Future years may bring light on this problem.
- E. William Boaz, the third son and fifth child of James and Ann (Russell) Boaz, was born in Patrick County, Va. The exact date of his birth is not known. Information from Patrick County tells us that he moved from that county to Tennessee and that nothing further is known of him.

In the Pittsylvania County Book of Marriage Records from 1767 to 1864, on page 25, I found this record: "William Boaz married Nancy Nelson, Oct. 4, 1824." This is a significant notation.

In the Boaz family records in Dickson County, Tenn., furnished by Rev. John L. Boaz, of Dickson, Tenn., we have the information that William Boaz and his wife, Nancy (Nelson) Boaz, settled first in Bedford County, Tenn., and later in Dickson County, and there reared their family. This record also states that he brought with him certain brothers and sisters, among them a Polly Boaz, who married a _____ Sugg, and is the grandmother of Dr. J. W. Sugg of Dickson, Tenn., and who is now practicing medicine in that city.

It seems almost certain that this William Boaz was the son of James and Ann (Russell) Boaz of Patrick County, Va.

To William and Nancy (Nelson) Boaz were born two sons and two daughters, namely: I. Joel Boaz; II. John Boaz; III. Rebecca Boaz; and IV. Queen Boaz.

- I. Joel Boaz, b. Jan. 14, 1833; d. Sept. 20, 1903; m. Susan A. Dilahay, b. July 30, 1842; d. Aug. 21, 1892. Nine children by first wife:

- 1. Laura Boaz, b. Jan. 1, 1860; d. Sept. 3, 1860.

- 2. William A. Boaz, b. Nov. 8, 1860; d. Feb. 13, 1923; m. Alice Turner, b. Mar. 11, 1866. Children:

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- (1) J. W. Boaz, b. _____. Deceased.
- (2) Grady Boaz, b. _____. Deceased.
3. Joel L. Boaz, b. May 6, 1863. Deceased 1890.
4. James Lafayette Boaz, b. Nov. 9, 1865; d. July 18, 1942;
m. Mollie Russell. Children:
 - (1) Mattie Boaz, b. June 5, 1897. Unmarried.
 - (2) Mary Boaz, b. Sept. 13, 1910. Unmarried.
5. Martha Jane Boaz, b. Feb. 15, 1868; m. J. L. Browning.
Children:
 - (1) Bertha G. Browning, b. Feb. 2, 1890; m. J. L. Dickson.
 - (2) William L. Browning, b. Aug. 11, 1892; d. in France in 1918.
6. Mary Susan Boaz, b. Mar. 23, 1870; m. Johnnie Foster.
Nine children:
 - (1) Edwin Foster, b. _____; m. Agnes Smithson.
 - (2) Arthur Foster, b. _____; m. Ethel Tucker.
 - (3) Clyde Nelson Foster, b. _____; m. Voice Robertson. One child: Marjorie Laverne Foster.
 - (4) Louil Johnson Foster, b. _____; m. Ruth Bradley.
 - (5) Wilmouth Jessie Foster, b. _____; m. James Slyden.
 - (6) Irmil Foster, b. _____; m. Thurman Foster.
 - (7) Foy Foster, b. _____; m. Edna Coleman.
 - (8) Mary Bethel Foster, b. _____; m. Lacy Baggett.
 - (9) Boaz Foster, b. _____; m. Anna Louise Miller. One child: Jack Miller Foster.
7. John Nelson Boaz, b. Aug. 12, 1872; m. Safronia Reynolds. Children:
 - (1) Clatie Boaz, b. _____; m. Stanley Patterson.
 - (2) Bethel Boaz, b. _____. Unmarried.
 - (3) Othie Boaz, b. _____. Unmarried.
8. Isaac Newton Boaz, b. July 30, 1875. Unmarried. Home in Dickson, Tenn.
9. Nancy Ann Boaz, b. _____; m. Justin Parrott.

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After the death of his first wife Joel Boaz m. Della F. Ragan.

Three children:

1. Lillie Boaz, b. Feb. 23, 1894; m. Thomas J. Nelson. Six children:

- (1) Frances E. Nelson, b. Mar. 15, 1920.
- (2) Gladys Irene Nelson, b. Dec. 20, 1921.
- (3) Lillie Mae Nelson, b. Oct. 20, 1924.
- (4) Thomas Joel Nelson, b. May 2, 1927.
- (5) Martha Della Nelson, b. Aug. 1, 1931; d. Feb. 29, 1940.
- (6) Mildred Ann Nelson, b. Feb. 6, 1934.

2. Ruth Boaz, b. Sept. 25, 1895; m. Harry P. Von Schmitten. Five children:

- (1) Etta Frances Von Schmitten, b. Apr. 28, 1926.
- (2) Alice Mae Von Schmitten, b. Jan. 4, 1929.
- (3) Gary Newton Von Schmitten, b. June 9, 1931.
- (4) Charles Perkins Von Schmitten, b. May 11, 1933.
- (5) Thomas Earl Von Schmitten, b. Nov. 5, 1935.

3. Cora Boaz, b. Jan. 23, 1903; m. Roy C. Patterson. Two children:

- (1) Joel Ray Patterson, b. Dec. 24, 1931; d. same day.
- (2) John Larry Patterson, b. July 1, 1943.

II. John Daniel Boaz, b. 1840; d. Oct., 1880; m. Mary Russell, b. 1842; d. Oct., 1881. Their children are: John L. Boaz and Mollie Boaz.

1. John L. Boaz was born June 22, 1874. On Dec. 26, 1896, he married Ethel Wilda Dangerfield, the daughter of W. L. Dangerfield, a Methodist minister. He was licensed to preach in 1894. He is now a minister in the Nazarene Church (1949). In 1902 he went to Cuba and organized the Cuba Mission for his Church and remained there until 1915 when his health failed and he was compelled to return home. He lives at Dickson, Tenn. To him and his wife six children were born, namely: Luther Earle, John Paul, William Brainard, Russell, Bascom B., and Mary Wilda.

- (1) Luther Earle Boaz, b. Oct. 17, 1897. He was a beloved teacher in high school for many years. He married Margaret H. Myers. They had four children:

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- a. Robert Earle.
 - b. Sarah Etheline.
 - c. John Clarence.
 - d. Lucile Cornelia.
- (2) John Paul Boaz, b. Feb. 19, 1899. He has been employed by the Pennsylvania Railway Co. since he was seventeen and is now (1949) ticket agent at Atlantic City. He married Mary Tucker. One child:
- a. Susan Tucker Boaz.
- (3) William Brainard Boaz, b. in Trinidad, Cuba, Nov. 24, 1903. He served four years in the U.S. Navy. He is now a plumber in South Gate, Calif. He married Irene Davis. They have two sons, namely:
- a. William Luther Boaz.
 - b. Jerry Lee Boaz.
- (4) Russell Boaz, b. Oct. 18, 1906, in Trinidad, Cuba. Married Ruth Carol Harbold whom he met while attending Asbury College in preparation for the ministry. He is now conference evangelist for the Tennessee Methodist Conference and very successful. They have one child:
- a. Elizabeth Carol Boaz.
- They make their home in Warren, Ohio, where Mrs. Russell Boaz is Youth Director in the First Methodist Church.
- (5) Bascom Bertram Boaz, b. Dec. 18, 1908; m. _____. She is deceased. Their children are:
- a. Joan Elaine Boaz.
 - b. Dennis Bertram Boaz.
- Lieut. Bascom B. Boaz has spent 19 years in the U.S. Navy; three years in China as commissioned officer; has had two years of combat service in six major campaigns on a battleship. He has won several medals for heroism, etc.
- (6) Mary Wilda Boaz, b. July 9, 1919; m. Samuel Lewis Nesbit, Apr. 11, 1948. They are both deep-

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ly religious and interested in everything that is for the good of the race.

2. Mollie Boaz, b. May _____, 1872; m. Wilbur U. Patterson. Their children are:

(1) Clarence, b. _____. Deceased.

(2) Mollie, b. _____; m. Forest Norfleet.

- III. Rebecca Jane Boaz, b. _____; m. Thomas Haliburton.

Their children are:

1. Charlie, b. _____. Deceased.

2. Rebecca, b. _____; m. D. T. Waynick.

3. Nancy, b. _____; m. Dillard Waynick.

- IV. Queen Boaz, b. _____; m. Dock Haliburton. Their children are:

1. William, b. _____. Deceased.

2. Thomas, b. _____.

3. John, b. _____.

4. Fannie, b. _____. Deceased.

- F. Phoebe Boaz, daughter of James and Ann (Russell) Boaz, was born in Patrick County, Va. She was in due time married to _____ Chandler, but the time and place is now unknown. Neither do we know the names of any of her children.

- G. Polly Boaz, daughter of James and Ann (Russell) Boaz, was born in Patrick County, Va. The date of her birth and the name of her husband are now unknown, unless she be the sister of William Boaz who came with him when he moved to Tennessee and finally settled in Dickson County and married _____ Sugg, of Dickson County, Tenn.

- H. Millie Boaz, daughter of James and Ann (Russell) Boaz, was born in Patrick County, Va., but the date of her birth is unknown. It appears that she was a favorite with her father for to her he left a good part of his estate. She lived to a ripe old age but never married.

CHAPTER VII

SHADRACH BOAZ, 1751-1817

SHADRACH BOAZ, the sixth son of Thomas and Agnes Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1751. His descendants are more numerous than any of the other sons of Thomas Boaz, yet it has been impossible to find out certain vital facts about him and his wife. The Boaz family Bible records declare that he married Isabel Rutherford in 1777 and the court records confirm this fact since, as his wife, she signed deeds and to her, Shadrach Boaz willed much of his property. But no court record of this marriage has been found. It was doubtless destroyed by fire.

No Bible in any of the Boaz families that I have seen gives the names of the parents of Isabel Rutherford. In Will Book A, page 384, of Bedford County, Virginia, is found among many other things in the will of John Beard the following: "I will and bequeath my negro boy, Sam, to my grand daughter Esabel Boze (Isabel Boaz). . . . Also to my son in law, William Rutherford, the sum of five shillings." This will was probated on the 26th of November, 1780. John Beard had patented more than two thousand acres of land in Virginia, mostly in Bedford County.

It has been impossible also to prove from court or federal government records that Shadrach Boaz was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Four of his brothers, Edmond, James, Meshach, and Abednego, left such records that are easily available. Government records have been thoroughly searched and his name does not appear as a soldier in that war. Family tradition says that he was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. It may be that he enlisted from Buckingham, or some other county, where the records have been burned by fire. Many such records have been lost from the government files. He was twenty-four years old when the war began and in the midst of the war married a wife, 1777. The family tradition that he was a Revolutionary soldier must be right.

Shadrach Boaz must have been a man of unusual ability and considerable wealth for his time. On December 10, 1778, when he was only twenty-six years old he bought from his brother, Edmond Boaz, 180 acres of land, as recorded in Deed Book 5, page 523, of Pittsylvania County. In 1784 Thomas Boaz, the father of Shadrach Boaz,

patented 500 acres of land on branches of Stewart's Creek *adjoining* the land of Shadrach Boaz. This transaction is recorded in Deed Book 30, page 42, and Book L, page 4. During 1795 Shadrach Boaz and Isabel Boaz sold to William Inman 371 acres lying fifteen miles southeast from Chatham. (Deed Book 10, page 108.)

On April 15, 1805, Shadrach Boaz conveyed to his son, Thomas Boaz, "for love and other considerations" 208 acres of land as his part of the estate. (Deed Book 14, page 263.) On February 10, 1810, Shadrach and Isabel Boaz conveyed to their son, William Boaz, 204 acres of land for similar considerations. (Deed Book 17, page 15.) In this same deed book are recorded eight different tracts of land from Shadrach Boaz to others, indicating that he and his wife owned quite a lot of real estate.

The children of Shadrach and Isabel Boaz were:

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| A. William, June 27, 1778 | F. David R. Apr. 24, 1790 |
| B. Thomas, Nov. 17, 1780 | G. Elenor, Nov. 13, 1792 |
| C. Nancie, Mar. 6, 1782 | H. Lydia, May 19, 1795 |
| D. Phoebe, June 10, 1785 | I. Rebecca, Dec. 17, 1797 |
| E. Rosana, Dec. 3, 1787 | J. Polly, June 3, 1800 |

The will of Shadrach Boaz is recorded in Will Book 1 A, page 2, Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and dated January 2, 1817. It was probated on April 30, 1817, indicating that Shadrach Boaz had died at some time between those two dates. A brief of the certified will follows.

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Shadrach Boaz of Pittsylvania County and State of Virginia being low in body but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my executors herein after mentioned.

"Item: I lend my beloved wife, Isabel, during her natural life all my lands wercon I now live together with all my goods and chattels, excepting such as shall herein after be mentioned, for her to use and occupy during her natural life or widowhood in lieu of her dower. And I do further give to my beloved wife Negroes Isaac and Betty during her natural life or widowhood."

He then mentions his sons, William and Thomas, and declares that he had already given them their part of his estate in certain

tracts of land that had been deeded to them in former years. To each of his daughters, Nancie, Phoebe, Rosana, Elenor, Lydia, Rebecca, and Polly, he wills lands and Negroes. To some of them other properties are given in addition to the lands and servants. To his son, David Boaz, he wills the home place on which he was then living. (It is supposed to be his after the death of his mother.) At the death of his wife all chattels and moneys were to be equally divided among his seven daughters.

As a last item he constitutes his wife, Isabel, and his son, David, executors of the estate and revokes and disannuls all other wills made by him.

The inventory of Isabel, the widow of Shadrach Boaz, may be found in Book of Accounts Current 11, page 140, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. The inventory was dated January 29, 1835, showing that she lived about eighteen years after the death of her husband. Her personal property, not counting lands, was estimated at \$3,330.20, a neat little sum for that early day. The children of Shadrach and Isabel Boaz were:

A. WILLIAM BOAZ, 1778- (?)

William, the oldest son of Shadrach and Isabel (Rutherford) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, June 27, 1778. On August 18, 1806, he married Mariah Burlington. Ten years later, 1816, he and his wife and one child, David, moved to Middle Tennessee and settled in Maury County. His brother, Thomas Boaz, and family, and his sister, Lydia Boaz, who had married Daniel Davis, were in the company of immigrants who were moving to Tennessee, but they settled in Davidson County on land about sixteen miles out from Nashville and not far from the "Hermitage" where Andrew Jackson lived. His brother, David Rutherford Boaz, remained in Pittsylvania County to look after his mother and the estate of their father, Shadrach Boaz, since David R. Boaz had been made the executor of that estate. During the year 1849 David Rutherford Boaz sold his farm of 706 acres and immigrated to western Kentucky and settled in Calloway County, near where the town of Murray now stands.

William and Mariah (Burlington) Boaz had five children born to them: I. David; II. Thomas; III. William; IV. Rebecca; V. Nancie.

I. David, the son of William and Mariah (Burlington) Boaz,

was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, during the year 1814. He was reared in Maury County, Tennessee, on his father's farm. By trade he was a saddle and harness maker. He also cultivated his farm and served as magistrate. At the age of twenty-four he married Esther Reece, of Middle Tennessee. To them five children were born, namely: 1. James William; 2. Sarah Minerva; 3. Elijah Hanks; 4. Rebecca; and 5. Elizabeth, who died as an infant.

Esther (Reece) Boaz died in less than ten years after her marriage and David Boaz married Elizabeth Tillman, January 7, 1847. To this second marriage five children were born: 6. Shadrach Tillman; 7. Mariah; 8. Nannie C.; 9. George; and 10. Thomas, who died in infancy.

In 1849 David Boaz and his family moved to West Tennessee and settled where Christmasville now stands. His plantation was just over the line in Weakley County. Here David Boaz continued his trade as a saddle and harness maker and at the same time developed his farm into a high state of cultivation. His daughter, Mariah Boaz, was still on the farm in 1925, which farm was considered as "The Old Homestead." She treasured the old Boaz family Bible to the day of her death. David Boaz died in 1856. The story of David Boaz and his family follows as prepared by John D. E. Boaz.

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David Boaz, b. _____, 1814; m. Esther Reece in 1833. She was born in 1806. To this union five children were born:

1. James William Boaz, b. _____, 1840; m. Martha Glover. He was born in Maury County, Tenn. When he was nine years old his father moved to West Tennessee, where he grew to manhood on his father's farm. His education was limited to the common schools near his home and to extensive reading. When the Civil War broke upon the country he volunteered and served under General Bedford Forrest until his division was captured in Mississippi. They were ordered to Saint Louis for imprisonment but on the way up the Mississippi he and others escaped near Hickman, Ky., and came home. He was again captured but escaped from his guard. His health was greatly impaired by the hardships encountered and he could not rejoin his command. He failed to recover his health and died in 1876. He and his wife were devout members of the

Baptist Church. To them six children were born: Alice, William, George, Alvin, Esther, and Carl.

(1) Alice Boaz, b. _____, 1863; m. John Martin. Four children:

a. Luther Martin, b. _____, 1889; m. Mossie Cooper. Served as a railway postal clerk for many years. Made his home in McKenzie, Tenn. He was a Baptist in belief though he never applied for membership in that Church. Children:

(a) Cawood Boaz, b. _____, 1913; m. _____.

(b) Hazel Boaz, b. _____, 1917; m. _____.

(c) Kathrine Boaz, b. _____, 1919; m. _____.

(d) Rachel Boaz, b. _____, 1924; m. _____.

b. Vera Boaz, b. _____, 1887; m. Claud L. Brown in 1905, who died 1910; then m. B. L. Pittman.

c. Jesse Boaz, b. _____, 1891.

d. Orpha Boaz, b. _____, 1893.

(2) William Boaz, b. _____, 1867; m. Minnie Jenkins. After her death he m. Mrs. L. Freeman. Two children: Names not given.

(3) George Boaz, b. _____, 1870; m. Rena Suber. Eight children:

a. Dennis Boaz, b. _____, 1896; m. _____.

b. Beulah Boaz, b. _____, 1898; m. _____ Guffee.

One child: Mildred Dean Guffee.

c. Homer Boaz, b. _____, 1900; m. _____.

d. Lila Boaz, b. _____, 1902; m. _____.

e. Essie Boaz, b. _____, 1904; m. _____.

f. Van Boaz, b. _____, 1905; m. _____.

g. Aubrey Boaz, b. _____, 1906; m. _____.

h. Udel Boaz, b. _____, 1910; m. _____.

(4) Alvin Boaz, b. _____, 1873; m. Kate Davis of Oklahoma.

(5) Esther Reece Boaz, b. _____, 1874; d. in infancy.

(6) Carl Boaz, b. _____, 1875; m. Ida Jenkins.

2. Sarah Minerva Boaz, b. _____, 1842; m. Ransom Elinor. Two children:

(1) Charles Elinor, b. _____, 1872; m. Pearl Mitchell. Eight children:

a. Nola L. Elinor, b. _____, 1898; d. 1899.

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- b. Roxie Elinor, b. _____, 1900.
 - c. Annie Elinor, b. _____, 1902. She was well educated and for many years was a teacher in the public school of Christmasville and was very popular with parents and pupils.
 - d. Anna Arline Elinor, b. _____, 1904; d. 1905.
 - e. Lilian Elinor, b. _____, 1907.
 - f. Lottie Mae Elinor, b. _____, 1909.
 - g. Charles Alexander Elinor, b. _____, 1912.
 - h. Infant, b. 1916; died soon after birth.
- (2) Alexander C. Elinor, b. June 24, 1880; m. Stella Mitchell. He was born and reared on his father's farm near Christmasville, Tenn. Graduated from the Greenfield Normal, Greenfield, Tenn., and taught for seven years in the public schools. In 1908 he entered the Medical Department of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn. Practiced medicine one year and then entered the Hospital Medical College, Memphis, Tenn., where he graduated in 1912. Located in Christmasville, his home town, and soon enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and a Mason. To him and his wife five children were born:
- a. Brooks Elinor, b. _____, 1901; m. _____.
 - b. Imogene Elinor, b. _____, 1903; m. _____
Finley. Two children:
 - (a) Dorothy May Finley, b. _____.
 - (b) Jennie Finley, b. _____.
 - c. Clark Howell Elinor, b. _____, 1905.
 - d. Roenora Elinor, b. _____, 1907.
 - e. Stella Beatrice Elinor, b. _____, 1911.
3. Elijah Hanks Boaz, b. _____, 1841; d. 1911; m. Sarah Gately. He was the second son and third child born to David and Esther (Reece) Boaz. Born on his father's farm near Christmasville, Tenn., and there grew to manhood. He enjoyed the advantages of the public schools of the community and was a prosperous and successful farmer. To him and his wife five children were born:
- (1) Bettie Boaz, b. _____, 1864; m. S. J. Glover. They had five children, but no names are given.

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(2) John James David Boaz, b. _____, 1868.

John James David Boaz was born near Christmasville, Carroll County, Tennessee, November 17, 1868. He was the second child of Elijah Hanks and Sarah (Gately) Boaz. Elijah Hanks Boaz was the son of David and Esther (Reece) Boaz of Middle Tennessee. David Boaz was the first son of William and Mariah (Burlington) Boaz, who were married in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, on August 8, 1806. William Boaz (born 1778) was the first son of Shadrach and Isabel (Rutherford) Boaz. Shadrach Boaz (born 1751) was the sixth son of Thomas Boaz who was born about 1723 in Scotland and immigrated to America in 1748 and settled in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

John James David Boaz was not satisfied with the training received in the public schools of his time and later entered Southern Normal University, Huntingdon, Tennessee, and pursued his studies there during the years 1894-1899. While a student in college a part of his time was devoted to teaching school in order to help pay expenses. He also attended Valparaiso University from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He began teaching in 1890 and continued until 1901 when he entered the mercantile business in Christmasville, Tennessee.

In 1904 he married Clyde McCracken and in 1910 they moved to McKenzie, Tennessee. To this union eight children were born:

a. James Bryant Boaz, b. July 6, 1906; m. Juanita Harlan of Lebanon, Ind., July 27, 1928. He attended the McKenzie High School and Bethel College, majoring in business administration. He is now employed as layout pattern man in General Motors Yellow Cab plant in Pontiac, Mich., where he has been employed for many years. They live at 3320 Frembes Ave., Drayton Plains, Mich. Their children:

(a) Marilyn Sue Boaz, b. May 26, 1930; died same day.

(b) John Harlan Boaz, b. June 13, 1934. He is now attending high school at Drayton Plains, Mich.

(c) Sheila Ann Boaz, b. Feb. 15, 1936; d. May, 1939.

b. Madge Sue Boaz, b. Jan. 23, 1908. She attended

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the public schools of McKenzie, Tenn., and Bethel College. Later attended the Chicago Conservatory of Music where she studied violin. She later taught violin at Princeton, Ill. When her mother died in 1921 she took over the responsibilities of the home, which she did with courage and grace. While teaching at Princeton, Ill., she met and was married to Gilbert Oberschelp, Oct. 28, 1938, the wedding ceremony taking place in the McKendree Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Their children:

(a) Gilbert Boaz Oberschelp, b. Mar. 27, 1941.

(b) David Brian Oberschelp, b. Feb. 8, 1946.

Gilbert Oberschelp is a radio engineer with A. C. Nelson Co., 2101 Howard St., Chicago, Ill. Their home is at 1055 Oakley Ave., Deerfield, Ill.

c. Sarah Fannie Boaz, b. Aug. 15, 1909; m. Argyle M. Finley, Oct. 22, 1926, at Paris, Tenn. Educated in the public schools of McKenzie, Tenn. Their home is now (1949) in McKenzie, Tenn. Children:

(a) Frances Finley, b. Jan. 12, 1928; m. C. K. Short of Baltimore, Md., Jan. 15, 1945. Their home is now (1949) in McKenzie, Tenn.

(b) Dorothy Jean Finley, b. Mar. 19, 1931; m. Bruce H. Montgomery of Columbia, Tenn., where Dorothy's great-great-grandfather, David Boaz, was a saddle maker, one hundred years ago.

(c) Robert Argyle Finley, b. Oct. 29, 1936. He is now (1949) attending the McKenzie High School.

d. Tim McCracken Boaz, b. Aug. 8, 1911. Attended the McKenzie public schools and also the McKenzie Preparatory School and entered the retail lumber business with his father in McKenzie. Married Bobbie Lasseter of Parsons, Tenn., on Aug. 17, 1935. Children:

(a) Rachel Annette Boaz, b. Dec. 2, 1937.

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(b) Tim David Boaz, b. Apr. 3, 1945.

Their home at this time (1949) is in Parsons, Tenn., where he is in the furniture business.

e. Maurine Boaz, b. _____, 1913; d. 1915. Buried in the Mount Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie, Tenn., beside her mother.

f. Woodrow Wilson Boaz, b. Dec. 24, 1915, in McKenzie, Tenn. He attended the McKenzie public schools and entered business with his father, who was in the lumber business. Married Hazel Moldenhauer of Shawana, Wis., Sept. 20, 1937. Children:

(a) James David Boaz, b. Dec. 30, 1940.

(b) Charles Boaz, b. Sept. 21, 1942.

(c) Carol Ann Boaz, b. Feb. 13, 1944.

Woodrow Wilson Boaz served in the U.S. Navy aboard P.C. 614 from Mar. 15, 1944, to Dec. 1, 1945, and was in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Panama, and the west coast of U.S.A. He was given an honorable discharge and is now (1949) in the roofing business in McKenzie, Tenn.

g. Samuel Elijah Boaz, b. Nov. 11, 1917, near McKenzie, Tenn. He attended the public schools of McKenzie and graduated from Bethel College, McKenzie, Tenn., 1939. In the fall of 1939 he entered the University of Tennessee, College of Law, Knoxville, Tenn., from which he graduated in 1942 with the degree of LL.B. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Tennessee in Oct., 1942, and practiced for nearly a year in Knoxville, Tenn. In Mar., 1943, he was employed in the legal department of Aluminum Company of Amercia at Alcoa, Tenn. Married Broecksie Cummings of Rutherford, Tenn., June 26, 1943. They have no children.

In Dec., 1943, he was appointed vice-consul in the foreign service of the United States and reported in Washington, D. C., to the Department of State for duty. In May, 1944, he was sent to Birmingham, England, where he served in the

American Consulate for eighteen months. Later he was assigned to the American Embassy, London, England. His wife joined him in Dec., 1944. In Apr., 1946, he resigned from the diplomatic service and returned to Tennessee to practice law. He is now located in Clarksville, Tenn., where he is in the private practice of law.

- h. Myra Evangeline Boaz, b. July 21, 1919. She was only eighteen years old when her mother died. She attended the McKenzie public schools, graduating in 1937. She was married to Kenneth Peek, of Milan, Tenn., on Sept. 5, 1937. Children:

- (a) Suzanne Peek, b. July 23, 1939.
- (b) Kenneth Hugh Peek, b. Apr. 1, 1942.
- (c) Michael Stephen Peek, b. May 12, 1948.

Kenneth Peek served in the U.S. Navy from Apr. 19, 1945, to Mar. 14, 1946, and was stationed aboard the USS LCI (G) 196 in the American Area and the Asiatic Pacific Area. He is at present (1949) employed in the Safety Department of the Tennessee Valley Authority at Gilbertsville Dam, Gilbertsville, Ky. He attended Bethel College, McKenzie, Tenn., where he was a star football and basketball player. He and his wife were married in the Methodist Church at Humboldt, Tenn.

- (3) Ella Boaz, b. _____, 1872; m. _____ Dunlap. No children.
 - (4) Luvenia Boaz, b. _____, 1874; m. John Caudle. Four children; no names are given.
 - (5) Mollie Boaz, b. _____, 1875; m. W. A. Walker. Three children; no names given.
4. Rebecca Boaz, b. _____, 1846; died in infancy.
5. Elizabeth Boaz, b. _____, 1847; m. Green Alman. No children.

Esther (Reece) Boaz died soon after the birth of her last daughter, Elizabeth, and David Boaz married Elizabeth Tillman. To them five children were born:

6. Shadrach Tillman Boaz, b. _____, 1848; m. Minerva Tomlinson. Two children:

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- (1) William David Boaz, b. Mar. 18, 1877; m. Nannie Ezell. Born on his father's farm near Christmasville, Tenn., and there grew to manhood. Attended the public schools from which he graduated at the age of seventeen. Married at eighteen and began farming at which he was very successful. Engaged in business at Christmasville, Hinkledale, and McKenzie, Tenn. Perhaps his greatest success was in the lumber business. He and his family were members of the Baptist Church. He was a Mason. To William and Nannie (Ezell) Boaz two children were born:

- a. Curtis Tillman Boaz, b. _____, 1898; m. _____. He was a soldier in World War I and made many trips overseas on the Transport "Finland," serving thirteen months in the U.S. Navy. At the end of the war he received an honorable discharge and entered business with the Ford Motor Company in Memphis, Tenn.
- b. Ethel Lynn Boaz, b. _____, 1906. She completed the high school course in McKenzie, Tenn., specializing in music. She died at eighteen years of age.

- (2) Anna Boaz, b. _____; m. Prude McClure. Five children:

- a. Dosha McClure, b. 1890; m. Adam P. Capps.
- b. Nannie McClure, b. 1893; m. Grover C. Calloway.
- c. Nettie McClure, b. 1898; m. Verne Galemore, a dentist of Huntingdon, Tenn.

The other two must have died in infancy.

7. Mariah Boaz, b. 1850; m. Robert Groom in 1870. Eight children:

- (1) David Groom, b. 1871-1872.
- (2) George Washington Groom, b. 1873; m. Lou Jones. Later m. Lizzie S. Davis.
- (3) Louella Groom, b. 1875; m. S. P. Hill. Two children:
 - a. Elberta, b. _____; m. Lester Wallace.
 - b. Aubrey, b. _____; m. _____.
- (4) Emma Groom, b. 1878.
- (5) Florence Groom, b. 1883.

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- (6) Thomas Carlton Groom, b. _____; m. Erma Dunlap, 1905. To them were born three children:
 - a. Overne Groom, b. _____.
 - b. Robert Paul Groom, b. _____.
 - c. Eloise Groom, b. _____.
- (7) Hallie P. Groom, b. 1887; m. Lora French. Children:
 - a. Mildridge. Floyd Piano Co.
 - b. Hallie P., Jr. Memphis, Tenn.
- (8) Eva Groom, b. 1890; m. Isaac T. Killian. Children:
 - a. Carlos B., b. 1911. Latonia, Ky. R.R. man.
 - b. Dorothy Montexie, b. 1915.
- 8. Nannie C. Boaz, b. 1854; m. Robert Lewis. Five children:
 - (1) James Lewis, b. _____; m. Miss Orr. Five children.
 - (2) John Lewis, b. _____; m. Miss Lewis. Five children:
 - (3) Lula Lewis, b. _____; m. Odell Nichols. No children.
 - (4) Pearl Lewis, b. _____; m. Calvin Cooper. Eight children.
 - (5) Kate Lewis, b. _____; m. Benjamin Ray. Two children.
- 9. George Boaz, b. 1854. Died in infancy.
- 10. Thomas Boaz, b. _____. Died in infancy.

II. THOMAS BOAZ, 1816

Thomas Boaz was the son of William (1778) and Mariah (Burlington) Boaz and the brother of David Boaz (1814). He was born and reared in Maury County, Tennessee. On reaching maturity he married Miss Polly Pullen of Middle Tennessee. He followed his brother, David, to West Tennessee and purchased a farm adjoining that of his brother, on the line of Carroll and Weakley Counties, near Christmasville. He lived on this farm until about the time the Civil War broke out and then moved to Texas. Thomas and Polly (Pullen) Boaz had nine children, as follows:

- 1. Joseph, who married Miss Mittie White.
- 2. Mira, of whom we have no knowledge.
- 3. Telie, who married Mr. Bailey.
- 4. Elisha, who was killed in the Civil War.
- 5. George, of whom we have no record.

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6. Mary, of whom we know nothing.
7. Thomas, of whom we have no record.
8. Jackson, of whom we have nothing.
9. An infant who died soon after birth.

III. WILLIAM BOAZ, 1818

Nothing in the records concerning him.

IV. REBECCA BOAZ, ABOUT 1820

Nothing known of her at this time.

V. NANCIE BOAZ, ABOUT 1822

Nothing known of her at this time.

B. THOMAS BOAZ, 1780-1838

Thomas, the second son of Shadrach and Isabel Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, November 17, 1780. He had two brothers, William and David, and seven sisters, Nancie, Phoebe, Rosana, Elenor, Lydia, Rebecca, and Polly. The marriage records of Pittsylvania County show that he married Lucinda Davis, the daughter of George and Sarah Davis, August 27, 1804. This Lucinda Davis was the sister of Daniel Davis who married Lydia Boaz, the daughter of Shadrach and Isabel Boaz.

In searching the records of the Strawberry (Primitive) Baptist Church in Pittsylvania County (eleven miles out from Chatham) I found that Thomas Boaz was licensed to preach by that Church during August, 1806, and ordained to preach August 7, 1808. The records of that Church also show that he and his wife, Lucinda, were dismissed by certificate by that Church August 14, 1816. It appears that he became quite active in the Baptist Church and was one of its most distinguished ministers. One of his sons, Elihu, became a preacher and an authority on Baptist doctrines and practice. A grandson, R. H. Boaz, was also a Baptist preacher. Many of his descendants have steadfastly held to the same doctrines. Some of them are still members of the Strawberry Baptist Church and living in the same community at this time (1947).

During the year 1816, soon after he and his wife were dismissed by certificate from the Strawberry Baptist Church, he and his wife, with seven children, immigrated to Middle Tennessee and settled on a farm sixteen miles southeast from Nashville, the famous "Her-

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mitage" of Andrew Jackson being only nine miles north of the Boaz farm. There they lived and prospered for many years. There were fourteen children in the family, eight boys and six girls. Eleven of them reached maturity and had families of their own. The Davidson County records show that Thomas Boaz, the minister, became a man of considerable wealth and for a time owned quite a few slaves. These records also show that long before the Civil War, 1827, he sold to one, Benejah Gray, a number of slaves "for \$1.00 and love considerations." He educated his children in the schools of the district and in Nashville. Lucinda (Davis) Boaz died December 31, 1821, when she was only forty-three years of age. I visited the Thomas Boaz III farm during the summer of 1923 and found the old Boaz cemetery and the place where the old house stood in his day. It was marked by the remains of the chimney and good-sized trees were growing up through the old hearthstones. On a sandstone marking one of the graves in the cemetery I found these most interesting words, "Lucinda Boaz died Dec. 31, 1821, age 43. She bore 16 children in 18 years. A loving wife, a pious Baptist." Without doubt that sandstone marked the grave of the wife of Thomas Boaz, the Baptist preacher.

In due time after the death of Lucinda (Davis) Boaz, Thomas Boaz married Mollie Tait of Tennessee and to this union two children were born: a daughter who died in infancy and a son, Zephaniah Henry Tait Boaz, in 1825. Thomas Boaz III died during the year 1833, having lived to see most of his children married and living in their own homes.

The children of Rev. Thomas and Lucinda (Davis) Boaz were:

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| I. Shadrach, | 1804 | VIII. Josiah, | 1818 |
| II. William, | 1805 | IX. Sallie D., | 1808 |
| III. David, | 1806 | X. Nancy R., | 1813 |
| IV. Samuel, | 1809 | XI. Lydia R., | 1814 |
| V. Joshua, | 1810 | XII. Lucinda, | 1817 |
| VI. Elihu, | 1811 | XIII. Annie L., | 1820 |
| VII. Thomas, | 1815 | XIV. Polly J., | 1821 |

I. SHADRACH BOAZ, 1804-1860

Shadrach, the first son of Thomas and Lucinda (Davis) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County (perhaps what is now Patrick County) on November 9, 1804. When Shadrach was twelve years old his parents moved to Davidson County, Tennessee, and settled on a

tract of land about sixteen miles southeast of Nashville. There he grew to manhood and on December 6, 1825, married Nancy B. Guthrie, who was a little past eighteen years of age. She was the daughter of Henry Guthrie (b. Dec. 10, 1754; d. Jan. 14, 1837) and Nancie Ann Shackleford Guthrie (b. Oct. 8, 1779; d. Apr. 26, 1870).

In the fall of 1833 Shadrach and his wife journeyed by wagon train from Middle Tennessee to western Kentucky and settled in what was known as "Jackson's Purchase." They had with them four of their first five children, one child having died in Tennessee. They were on the road when the great meteor shower took place in November of 1833, and many people thought the end of the world had come. On reaching Kentucky Shadrach, known to his friends as "Shade," laid out his farm near where Fulton now stands. He was energetic and filled with vigor. He is supposed to have said on one occasion that he had never known a day when it was too cold to work outdoors except one, and that was when the trees could be heard cracking with the cold. At forty years of age he was elected the first sheriff of Fulton County.

Shadrach Boaz was not only a successful farmer but also a good trader. In 1860 he left his family on the farm and journeyed to the west in search of land grants in Indian Territory. Near Pierce City, Missouri, he fell ill and died on September 4, 1860, with what is now believed to be pneumonia. On hearing of his death his wife traveled a distance of over one hundred fifty miles by a mule-drawn wagon to attend his funeral. He was buried either in Newton or Lawrence County, Missouri. His widow returned to Kentucky and lived near Fulton until the time of her death on November 8, 1893. She was buried in Boaz Chapel Cemetery. To Shadrach and Nancy (Guthrie) Boaz fourteen children were born:

1. Thomas Henry Boaz, b. Sept. 29, 1826; d. Jan. 20, 1827.
2. Susan Caroline Boaz, b. Jan. 18, 1828, near Nashville, Tenn.

In 1833 she went with her parents to western Kentucky where she grew to womanhood. She was married to George Meachem.

Children:

- (1) John Shadrach Meachem, b. Sept. 20, 1845. He was a Confederate soldier, enlisting on Dec. 23, 1863, serving under General Forrest in Company "C," Kentucky Cavalry, being paroled on Apr. 12, 1865. Married Caroline Thomas. Children:

- a. Sue Effinger Meachem.

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b. Wayne Meachem.

c. Boaz Meachem.

(2) Adelina Meachem, b. _____; m. Alex Roberts.

Children:

a. George Roberts.

b. Gus Roberts.

c. Joe Roberts.

d. Susie Roberts.

e. May Roberts.

f. Bessie Roberts.

(3) Tobias Meachem, b. _____. No record.

(4) William R. Meachem, b. Jan. 20, 1853; d. 1933; m. Sarah Elizabeth McDade, 1874. Seven children:

a. Bertie Mae Meachem, b. May 14, 1878; m. Lynn Thomas Callahan, June 17, 1880; d. July 7, 1882.

b. Bessie Meachem, b. Apr. 17, 1882; m. William Templeton, Sept. 7, 1897; d. July 12, 1907.

c. Lois Meachem, b. Feb. 9, 1885; d. May 11, 1885.

d. Willie Meachem, b. June 18, 1886; m. Huey Newson, Feb. 15, 1908.

e. Geo. E. Meachem, b. Apr. 22, 1891; d. Feb. 15, 1899.

f. Gus R. Meachem, b. Dec. 4, 1893; d. Mar. 14, 1932.

g. Dudley M. Meachem, b. Oct. 25, 1897; m. Maxie Thompson.

After the death of her first husband Susan Caroline (Boaz) Meachem married Sim Ward. To them one son was born:

(5) Thomas Henry Ward, b. May 4, 1872, in Weakley Co., Tenn.; m. Sally J. McClain, Dec. 8, 1889. Children:

a. John Dallas Ward, b. Nov. 14, 1892.

b. Dayron Guthrie Ward, b. Mar. 11, 1895; d. 1897.

c. Carl Mayrice Ward, b. Feb. 10, 1913.

3. William Rutherford Boaz, b. May 5, 1829. Fought in the Civil War as a Captain in Company "G," Twelfth Kentucky Regiment, Forrest's Cavalry. Died unmarried, Nov. 14, 1904, and was buried in Boaz Chapel Cemetery near Fulton, Ky.

4. John D. Boaz, b. Jan. 30, 1831; d. July 13, 1835.

5. Nancy Adeline Boaz, b. Jan. 26, 1833, Davidson County, Tenn.; m. James B. Snow, who died 1911. Children:

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(1) Levi Shadrach Snow, b. _____; m. _____.

(2) William Henry Snow, b. _____; m. _____.

Children:

a. _____.

b. _____.

William Henry Snow was a practicing physician.

(3) Nancy Adeline Snow, b. _____; m. Will Hastings.

(4) Kosci Snow, b. _____; m. W. H. Jacks. Children:

a. W. H. Jacks, Jr., b. _____; m. _____.

b. _____.

(5) Mary Ellen Snow, b. _____. No record.

(6) Sarah Snow, b. _____. No record.

6. Shadrach Guthrie Boaz, b. Dec. 13, 1834; d. Sept. 5, 1836.

7. Daniel David Boaz, b. Feb. 27, 1837. Was a soldier in the Civil War and was killed in skirmish near West Point, Miss., June 12, 1864.

8. Samuel C. Boaz, b. Feb. 12, 1839; d. Nov. 16, 1841.

9. Joshua Fleming Boaz, b. Jan. 12, 1841. Soldier in the Civil War, Confederate Army. Contracted measles and died Apr. 9, 1862.

10. Joseph Smith Boaz, b. Mar. 14, 1843; m. Mary Champion. Children:

(1) Herbert Boaz, b. Oct. 15, 1876; m. Elma McMullen, Mar. _____, 1907. He is (1949) a retired merchant and lives near Dexter, Mo. No children.

(2) Eva Boaz, b. Apr. 3, 1878, in Fulton, Ky.; m. M. L. Whiteside, _____, 1902. Children:

a. Marie Whiteside, b. _____; m. A. M. Moritz. Children:

(a) Arthur Moritz.

(b) Freddie Boaz Moritz.

b. Margaret Whiteside, b. _____; m. Paul F. Mason. One child:

(a) Phylis Mason.

11. Richard Harris Boaz, b. Aug. 7, 1845, in Fulton County, Ky. He grew to manhood on the farm his parents had established by homestead rights in 1833. In the spring of 1861, though not yet sixteen years of age, he volunteered his service to the Confederate Cause and walked sixteen miles to Union City,

Tenn., to enlist in a Tennessee regiment of cavalry under the command of General Nathan Forrest. At the end of the war he returned to his father's farm and on Nov. 10, 1867, he married Tennessee Olivia Slayden, the daughter of Abner Wilson Slayden (b. June 18, 1815; d. Nov. 7, 1895) and Olivia (McFall) Slayden (b. June 17, 1814; d. Nov. 16, 1898). His wife was born July 10, 1849, in Mississippi and died in Fulton, Ky., Nov. 21, 1938.

Richard Harris Boaz, called "Dick" by his friends, became a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church in early adult life and was intensely devoted to that faith. Boaz Chapel, near Fulton, Ky., was named after him and he often presided in this area as "Elder R. H. Boaz." He built his home on a part of the family farm on which he was born and later bought most of this tract of land and continued to live on the farm until 1900 when he moved into nearby Fulton. There he lived until his death which occurred from a heart condition, Apr. 16, 1918. He and his wife were buried in the cemetery adjoining Boaz Chapel near Fulton. To him and his wife seven children were born:

- (1) Walter Harris Boaz, b. Oct. 6, 1869. Was for many years a constable on the police force of Fulton; now retired and is living with his only daughter in Fulton. On Nov. 15, 1889, he was married to Annie Beulah McFall in Union City, Tenn., daughter of Hartwell M. and Sarah O. McFall. She was born Sept. 13, 1880; d. Feb. 11, 1939. Children:

- a. Hartwell Cornell Boaz, b. Mar. 4, 1901; d. Aug. 12, 1912.
- b. Olivia Mignon Boaz, b. July 28, 1902; m. Louis D. Bard. One child:
 - (a) Hartwell Leon Bard, b. Jan. 21, 1927; d. June 28, 1938.
- c. Richard McFall Boaz, b. Jan. 22, 1905. Graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, June, 1926. Married Kathroe Lee, Mar. 8, 1935. They live now (1949) in Chevy Chase, Md. Children:
 - (a) David Boaz.
 - (b) Patricia Boaz.

- (2) Arthur Gouveras Boaz, b. Aug. 31, 1871. He was a

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farmer and tobacco grower near Mayfield, Ky.; m. Willie Jo Holloway, Dec. 25, 1895, in Hickman County, Ky. She was a daughter of Thomas Allen and Mary Ann Holloway. She was born July 2, 1878. After living for some time near Los Angeles, Calif., they returned to Graves County where they now (1949) reside. Arthur G. Boaz is called "Bid" by his friends. Children:

- a. Richard Holloway Boaz, b. June 27, 1897, in Obion County, Tenn.; m. Hattie Wright, Aug. 31, 1925, in Mayfield. They live now in Los Angeles, Calif. One child:

- (a) Bettie Jane Boaz, b. Apr. 7, 1927.

- b. Harvyl Boaz, b. Jan. 16, 1899, in Obion County, Tenn. Graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Pharmacy in 1923 and practices pharmacy in Paducah, Ky. Married Ann Royster, Oct. 25, 1925. One child:

- (a) Millie Ann Boaz, b. Nov. 24, 1927.

- c. Mary Lorell Boaz, b. Nov. 10, 1901; m. Fred Dean Collier Jan. 3, 1920, in Union City, Tenn. Children:

- (a) Joan Collier, b. Jan. 9, 1923; m. Eugene Dowdy in 1941. One child: Patrick Eugene Dowdy.

- d. Arthur Gouveras Boaz, Jr., b. June 25, 1913; m. Lena Moran. Children:

- (a) Loretta Faye Moran, b. Feb. 9, 1943.

- (b) Lowell Allen Moran, b. Oct. 29, 1946.

- e. Jack Boaz, b. July 27, 1915; m. Treva Dale McNeely. Children:

- (a) Thomas Ned Boaz, b. Mar. 1, 1943.

- (b) Janice Dale Boaz, b. Aug. 23, 1944.

- (c) Charles Lynn Boaz, b. Apr. 8, 1948.

- (3) Leonard Alexander Boaz, b. June 4, 1874, in Fulton, Ky. He was for many years a shipping clerk for the I. C. Railway Company in Memphis, Tenn. Married Florence Elizabeth Fry on July 25, 1898, in Charleston, Mo. She was born Apr. 16, 1877, and died Jan. 24, 1945. He died in Memphis, Aug. 29, 1943, and was buried in the Memorial Park Cemetery. Four children:

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- a. Thurmond Durand Boaz, b. May 24, 1899, Fulton, Ky.; m. Godfrey Charlotte Jacobs, July 14, 1920. She was the daughter of Godfrey Clarke and Elizabeth Jacobs. He is the purchasing agent for the Anderson-Clayton Cotton Company in Memphis, Tenn. One child:

(a) Thurmond Durand Boaz, Jr., b. Mar. 3, 1922, in Newport, Ark.; m. Ann Caroline Gilson, Apr. 4, 1942. One child: Thurmond Durand Boaz III.

Thurmond Durand Boaz, Sr., is an active businessman, energetic and successful in his chosen line. His son is also an active and successful salesman of insurance. The future alone can tell what Thurmond Durand Boaz III will become.

- b. Leonard Norman Boaz, b. May 6, 1901, in Fulton, Ky.; m. Nellie Bly Armstrong, of Memphis, Tenn., on Nov. 17, 1928. One child:

(a) Leonard Norman Boaz, Jr., b. Sept. 5, 1929. They live now in Memphis, Tenn.

- c. Richard (Dick) Boaz, b. Nov. 19, 1904, in Fulton, Ky.; m. Eula Hattie Baker, Oct. 19, 1924, in Marion, Ark. He is an active and successful employee of the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company. They live in Little Rock, Ark. One child:

(a) Leonard Richard Boaz, b. May 18, 1926.

- d. Alice May Boaz, b. Apr. 28, 1910, in Fulton, Ky.; m. Carl Cephus Densford, Dec. 23, 1928. Children:

(a) Jane Carlene Densford, b. Oct. 6, 1929. Now in Louisiana College at Pineville, La.

(b) Leonard Eugene Densford, b. Nov. 13, 1931; d. Nov. 20, 1932.

(c) Peggy Joice Densford, b. May 16, 1935.

(d) Ted Erwin Densford, b. May 17, 1938.

(e) Charlotte Densford, b. Nov. 5, 1940.

(f) Lydia Diane Densford, b. Jan. 21, 1943.

- (4) Thurmond Dewitt Boaz, b. May 24, 1876, in Fulton County, Ky. After attending Carr Institute in Fulton and West Kentucky College in Mayfield he taught

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school for two years in Graves County, Ky. In 1899 he entered the Hospital College of Medicine in Louisville, Ky., and graduated four years later with the degree of M.D. After a few months of practice in Fulton he moved to Shreveport, La., where he practiced for five years and then moved to Lake Charles, La., and engaged in contract practice for a lumber company. After a few years he returned to Shreveport where he has lived and practiced medicine ever since. Following graduate study in New York City in 1914 he specialized in eye, ear, nose, and throat. In 1923 he studied abroad, principally in Vienna, Austria. Since 1928 his practice has been limited to the eye. In 1932 he became a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology. For many years he was on the visiting staffs of various hospitals in Shreveport. From 1904 to 1908 he served as secretary of the Shreveport Medical Society. Married Louise Elizabeth Reneker, Nov. 6, 1907, daughter of William J. and Elizabeth Reneker. She was born in Montgomery County, Mo., June 28, 1881. One child:

- a. Thurmond Dewitt Boaz, Jr., b. Aug. 22, 1913, in Shreveport, La. After graduation from the Medical Department of the Louisiana State University in 1939 he served one year's internship in the New Orleans Charity Hospital to July 1, 1940. The next year he was house physician at St. Vincent's Sanitarium, Birmingham, Ala. On July 15, 1941, he was inducted into the Medical Corps of the Army of the U.S. and trained at Fort Benning, Ga. He was then attached to the 2nd Armored Division under General Patton's command. His overseas service took him to Africa, England, Sicily, France, Belgium, Holland, and a portion of Germany, during which time he was Captain of Medical Battalion. He received his terminal leave of absence from Army service effective in Mar, 1946. He is now (1949) Public Health Physician for a bi-county health unit in the State Department of Health and stationed in Monroe, La. Married Clara Margaret Davenport June 18, 1940, daugh-

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ter of Noah C. and Clara E. Davenport. She is a very charming young woman. No children.

- (5) Joshua Earl Boaz, b. Sept. 25, 1878. Merchant in Fulton until his death in a Memphis hospital following an operation on May 2, 1936. He was buried in the Boaz Chapel Cemetery near Fulton. Married Frances Gussie Murray, June 7, 1903, in Oklahoma. She was the daughter of William Burt Murray. Children:

- a. Richard Murray Boaz, b. Mar. 7, 1904, in East Prairie, Mo.; m. Eula Bennett, June 2, 1925, the dau. of Ben and Olga Bennett. He is physically strong and active. She is a charming hostess. They have their home in Memphis, Tenn., where Murray Boaz is district manager of the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company. Children:

(a) Ruth Lavone Boaz, b. Mar. 27, 1926.

(b) Benjamin Murray Boaz, b. Feb. 4, 1937.

- b. T. D. Boaz, b. Nov. 11, 1906, in Fulton, Ky.; m. Verna Holland June 1, 1928, the dau. of Robert Bruce and Dell (Boatwright) Holland. He is an employee of the Illinois Central Railway Company and lives in Fulton, Ky. One child:

(a) Holland Earl Boaz, b. Feb. 24, 1929.

- (6) Maggie Olivia Boaz, b. Nov. 14, 1881; m. John Neil McNeilly, Oct. 23, 1902, in Fulton, Ky. He was a merchant in Fulton. Born Aug. 22, 1879; died July 7, 1943. She is now (1949) living in Fulton. Children:

- a. Lotta Lee McNeilly, b. Oct. 24, 1903, in Fulton; m. Clayte Miller Harpole, Apr. 16, 1924. One child:

(a) Marylyn Jean Harpole, b. Apr. 5, 1925; m. Graham Patton Wright, June 15, 1947. One child: Douglass Graham Wright, b. Apr. 5, 1948.

- b. John Thurmond McNeilly, b. Mar. 5, 1905, Fulton; m. Charline Russell, Jan. 6, 1926. Children:

(a) Neil Boyd McNeilly, b. Mar. 1, 1927; d. Feb. 19, 1929.

(b) Joan McNeilly, b. Aug. 26, 1929.

(c) Patricia McNeilly, b. Jan. 17, 1931.

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- c. Richard Thomas McNeilly, b. Jan. 18, 1914, Fulton; m. Ruth Carlton Cawdell, Oct. 17, 1930. They now (1949) live in Fulton where he is employed by the Railway Express Company. Children:
- (a) Dick McNeilly, b. Feb. 29, 1934; d. at birth.
 - (b) Carol Larue McNeilly, b. July 20, 1942.
- (7) Richard Aude Boaz, b. Dec. 12, 1885; d. in Fulton, Mar. 16, 1940. He lived his entire life in Fulton, Ky., and was known to his friends as "Aude." Unmarried.
12. Thomas Henry Boaz, b. Dec. 10, 1847. He was the first chief of police in Fulton, Ky., serving two terms from 1872 to 1880. During 1878 there was an epidemic of yellow fever in the Mississippi Valley. Thomas Henry Boaz, with the assistance of his older brother, William Rutherford Boaz, buried his first cousin, Dr. Crispin D. Boaz, at night on the farm of another brother, Joseph Smith Boaz. Dr. Crispin D. Boaz had contracted the fever while inspecting trains that passed through Fulton. So great was the fear of that dread disease at that time that burial was made at night. Many doctors fled the community for fear of the disease but this man stuck to his post of duty, a fact that was mentioned in the Fulton newspaper that carried a notice of the funeral of Thomas Henry Boaz after his death on Nov. 12, 1933. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and was buried in the Boaz Chapel Cemetery near Fulton. He died unmarried.
13. Ebenezer A. Boaz, b. May 8, 1850; d. Nov. 15, 1859.
14. Ann Elizabeth Boaz, the fourteenth and last child of Shadrach Boaz (Nov. 4, 1804—Sept. 4, 1860) and Nancy B. Guthrie (Nov. 28, 1907—Nov. 8, 1893, m. Dec. 6, 1825), was born on Oct. 26, 1853. On Sept. 12, 1872, in Hickman County, Ky., she married John Silas Murchison, who was born on Jan. 12, 1849, the son of Daniel Murchison (Mar. 22, 1812—June 20, 1872) and Winnie Everett (Apr. 22, 1813—Sept. 19, 1875, m. Oct. 15, 1833). John Silas Murchison died Apr. 28, 1926, in Marmaduke, Ark.; Ann Elizabeth Boaz died June 12, 1935, near Harris, Tenn. They are both buried in the family burying ground in Boaz Chapel Cemetery, near Fulton, Ky. John Silas Murchison was an extensive landholder and was an ardent lover of land, owning farming areas in Kentucky, Tennessee,

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and Arkansas, also Missouri. They were members of the Primitive Baptist Church. To this marriage were born nine children:

- (1) Daniel Shadrach Murchison, the first child, was born Aug. 4, 1873; m. Vernetta Love, Dec. 19, 1894, and had four children:
 - a. Beatrice, b. in 1895; m. Charles Wylie and had two children:
 - (a) Charles, Jr., b. 1919.
 - (b) Jane, b. 1921.
 - b. Vernetta, b. in 1897; m. H. L. Hogsett. No children.
 - c. Silas, b. in 1903; d. 1924. Never married.
 - d. Paul, b. in 1905; d. 1927. Never married.
- (2) Adella Murchison, the second child, was born Jan. 1, 1875, Hickman County, Ky.; d. Feb. 10, 1906, is buried in cemetery at Blodgett, Mo.; m. Robert Lee Nicholas (Dec. 9, 1872, Henderson County, Tenn.; d. Dec. 9, 1927, Obion County, Tenn., buried Chapel Hill Cemetery, near Fulton, Ky.) Jan. 8, 1893, McConnell, Tenn. To this marriage were born four children:
 - a. Viola, 1899, died in infancy.
 - b. Anna Lee, May 3, 1901, Fulton, Tenn.; m. Pierre Ludovic Clement, Sept. 28, 1922, in New Orleans, La.; divorced May 23, 1931, in Paragould, Ark. Married Thomas Francis Hudson, Apr. 29, 1935, Blessed Sacrament Church (Catholic) Mfs. by Father J. Wm. Wiley. Thomas Francis Hudson was the son of John T. Hudson and Julia Egan, born Sept. 24, 1896, Memphis, Tenn. Baptized at St. Bridget Church, died Feb. 1, 1947, buried in Calvary Cemetery, Memphis, Tenn. No children. Member of Daughters of the American Revolution National No. 330057, served Tennessee Society D.A.R. as State Treas. 1944 to 1947, elected State Regent, Tennessee Society D.A.R. 1947, served two years, endorsed for Vice-President General of Tennessee at March State Conference 1949. Is actively engaged (1949) as Real Estate Broker, a member of the Realty Board of Memphis.

Served during World War II as active Red Cross Nurse's Aide in Memphis hospitals. Member United Daughters of the Confederacy, Nineteenth Century Club, Federated Garden Clubs of Memphis, and National Council Catholic Women. Elected Honorary State Regent, Tennessee Society D.A.R., for life.

- c. Robert Adelphus, b. Aug. 2, 1904, Fulton, Tenn.; d. May 12, 1934. Married Frances Ann Tapogna in San Jose, Calif., about 1927. He died in San Jose, Calif., where he is buried. To this marriage was born two children: Robert Lee, born June, 1932, died in infancy; Barbara Lee, born July 14, 1934, two months after the death of her father.

- d. An infant son who died at birth.

(3) Lee Ella Murchison, the third child, was born on Nov. 19, 1876; m. James H. Jonakin, May 1, 1898. To this marriage were born nine children:

- a. Mary Lee, b. Mar. 6, 1899; d. Apr. 28, 1945; m. Gerald M. Woosley, in 1917, and had one child, Emily Jane, born in 1923, Union City, Tenn.

(a) Emily Jane married James Sams, May 2, 1948, has one son, Gerald Woosley Sams, born Mar. 6, 1949.

- b. Celia Ann, b. June 17, 1900; m. Noble L. Butterworth, Nov., 1923. No children. Lives in Paducah, Ky.
- c. Nona Edith, b. Sept. 12, 1901; m. James Burke in 1922. Lives on farm near Fulton, Ky. No children.
- d. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 27, 1902; m. Austin Jernigan. To this marriage were born three children: James Austin, b. June 17, 1925; m. Betty _____, June, 1947. Dorothy, b. Feb. 6, 1930. Frances Leah, b. 1935. They live in Tupelo, Miss.
- e. Lucille, b. Feb. 17, 1905; m. Robert Wade. To this marriage were born two children: Marjorie Ann and Bobbie Sue. They live in Union City, Tenn. Marjorie Ann married Douglas Pryor, Feb. 6, 1949, resides Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

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- f. Delma, b. Nov. 30, 1907; m. R. R. Lamm, June, 1948. She is a Registered Nurse and served in the Armed Services overseas during World War II. Is now living in San Diego, Calif.
 - g. Alva Mai, b. Nov. 15, 1909; m. John Q. Cook, Jan. 1, 1932. To this marriage was born one child, Phyllis Lynn, Nov. 15, 1932. She lives in Memphis, Tenn., an accountant with Greyhound Co.
 - h. Jimette, b. Dec. 11, 1911; m. Clyde S. Lightfoot, Aug., 1935. No children. Living in Memphis, Tenn.
 - i. James Henry, Jr., b. July 25, 1914; m. Gladys _____, Nov. 19, 1947. Lives in Nashville, Tenn. No children. Employed in Laboratory Research Dept., State Agriculture, Nashville, Tenn.
- (4) Silas Oscar Murchison, the fourth child, was born Sept. 3, 1878; d. June 8, 1943; m. Sadie Tanner, June 27, 1904. To this marriage were born two children: Gladys, died in infancy, and Annie Laura, born in 1909.
- (5) Martha Susan Murchison, the fifth child, was born Nov. 29, 1880; m. Noah Norman, Mar. 29, 1899, and had five children:
- a. Laura Mabel, b. in 1900; m. Fred R. Cunningham in 1919, and had two sons: Fred Norman, b. in 1920; d. 1946. William, b. about 1929. They reside in Anna, Ill. Fred Cunningham is owner of Electrical Contracting Co.
 - b. Helen Eliza, b. Aug. 2, 1902; m. C. Harry R. Johnson, June, 1926, Montgomery, Ala. To this marriage were born two children: Norma and Harriett. They reside in Monroe, Mich. Harry Johnson is an executive with large Paper Mfg. Corp.
 - c. Martha Marena, b. 1905; m. John Bryan, in Montgomery, Ala. To this marriage were born two children: Jack and Barbara. They reside in Montgomery and operate and own a bakery.
 - d. Mary Ruth, b. in 1908; m. to Jack Taylor. To this marriage were born four daughters. They reside in Montgomery, Ala.

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e. Noah Murchison, b. in 1913; m. to Mary _____.

To this marriage were born four sons. They reside in Birmingham, Ala.

- (6) Miller Myatt Murchison, the sixth child, was born May 27, 1884; m. Dora Shelby, July 4, 1906. To this marriage was born one child, Gilbert, who died at the young age of four years. He is buried in Blodgett, Mo.
- (7) John Arthur Murchison, the seventh child, was born Nov. 23, 1885; m. Maude Heathcock, Dec. 23, 1908. They have three children: Orval Earl, born in 1909; John Myatt, born in 1912; and Albert Lee, born Aug. 2, 1914. They all reside in Montgomery, Ala.
- (8) Charles Fonso Murchison, b. Dec. 18, 1888; d. Feb. 6, 1920, buried in Washington Cemetery, New Orleans, La.; m. Dora B. McCutcheon, June 19, 1919. Served in the armed forces of the U.S. from 18 years of age until his death. No children.
- (9) Marjorie Willie Murchison, b. Nov. 30, 1894; m. Cecil Charles Craig, Oct. 23, 1913, in Marmaduke, Ark. To this marriage were born four children: Mary Louise, b. Sept. 21, 1914. She is a Registered Nurse and Registered Anesthetist, and is now (1949) practicing in Dayton, Ohio. Not married. Maurice Cecil Craig, b. Nov., 1916; m. Lois _____; has one son, Michael, b. Mar., 1948. They reside in Paragould, Ark. Dr. Charles Lee Craig, b. Mar., 1919. Not married. Practicing dentistry in Blytheville, Ark. Ruth, b. Sept. 21, 1921; m. Capt. Thomas Julian Davis, Aug. 22, 1942, at Leachville, Ark. They have two sons, Jeffry and Craig. They live in Montgomery, Ala. Capt. Davis is attached to the Army Air Corps Service.

II. WILLIAM BOAZ, 1805-1870

William, the second son of Thomas (1780) and Lucinda (Davis) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, October 29, 1805. When eleven years of age he was brought by his parents to Davidson County, Tennessee, and they settled on a tract of land sixteen miles southeast of Nashville. The "Hermitage" of Andrew Jackson was only nine miles north of this Boaz farm. On his father's farm William grew to manhood, attending the school of the district and also in the

city of Nashville. His father, Thomas Boaz, was a noted Primitive Baptist preacher and also a successful farmer. He put his farm in a high state of cultivation, using slave labor, as was the custom at that time.

William Boaz, early in life, married Elizabeth Freeman. She had come with her parents from Virginia about the same time that Thomas Boaz and his family had come to Middle Tennessee. Sometime after their marriage they moved to western Kentucky and settled on a tract of land near that of Shadrach Boaz, a brother of William. While living on that farm two sons were born: Samuel Francis Boaz and Richard Turner Boaz. Richard Turner was killed early in life by a runaway horse and buried near the home place.

At a later date William Boaz and his wife sold their farm in Kentucky and moved to Mississippi in order to join Elihu Boaz, a brother of William, who had gone there in an earlier day. William Boaz settled near Richland, Holmes County, and became very prosperous, owning many acres of land and quite a few slaves. The Civil War swept away most of his wealth. He died during 1870.

1. Samuel Francis Boaz, b. _____, 1832. He was carried to Mississippi by his parents when a youth. Married Tennie Warren, of Miss., in Mar., 1861. When the Civil War was declared he volunteered as a cavalryman and served as such for four full years. To him and his wife five children were born:

- (1) Frank Boaz, b. _____; d. in infancy.
- (2) Freeman Boaz, b. _____; d. in infancy.
- (3) Mary Boaz, b. _____; d. in infancy.
- (4) Warren Boaz, b. _____; d. in infancy.
- (5) Anna Boaz, b. _____; m. Samuel S. Hall of Miss., 1882. Children:

a. Guion Quitman Hall, b. _____, 1883; m. Annabelle Rhodes of Miss. Children:

- (a) Guion R. Hall.
- (b) Daniel Boaz Hall.

b. Samuel Boaz Hall, b. _____. Was a World War I veteran and never married.

c. Anna Dan Hall, b. _____, 1892; m. _____ Mayo of Miss. Children:

- (a) Alexander Mayo, b. _____, 1918.
- (b) Morten Mayo, b. _____, 1920.
- (c) Mary Ann Mayo, b. _____, 1922.

III. DAVID BOAZ, 1806-1876

David, the third son of Thomas and Lucinda (Davis) Boaz, was born November 9, 1806, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. When David was ten years old his father, with his family, immigrated to Middle Tennessee, where he settled on a Revolutionary grant of land inherited from his father, Shadrach. Here David grew to manhood, attending the schools of the community and at Nashville, sixteen miles away, where he secured a thorough education. At the age of twenty-one David Boaz was married to Miss Lucinda Whitis, of Tennessee. At the time of her marriage she was nineteen, having been born April 2, 1808. To this union ten children were born: James Nelson, Lucinda Jane, Sally Ann, William Thomas, Samuel Shadrach, Mary Elizabeth, David Franklin, Nancy R., Martha Isa, and George Pearce, all of whom reached their majority, married, and established homes of their own, except one girl who died in infancy and one son who never married.

For ten years after their marriage, David and Lucinda Boaz lived in Davidson County, Tennessee, near his father's home. In 1837 he, with several of his brothers and sisters, immigrated to "Jackson's Purchase," Kentucky, and entered a section of land in the northern part of what is now Graves County. All the land lying south of the Ohio, west of the Tennessee, and east of the Mississippi and a part of Mississippi was purchased from the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians in 1818. Andrew Jackson was the Commissioner sent by the Government to negotiate the treaty. He met the Indian chiefs over the southern line of Tennessee, in Mississippi, sometime in 1818. After this the land was added to Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi and opened for settlement. To this new frontier came immigrants from different parts of the East, but mostly from Virginia and North Carolina. With them came members of the Boaz family, David being among that number. Joshua, a younger brother, who had married Polly Whitis, sister of Lucinda Boaz, entered a section adjoining, and to the south, while Shadrach, William, and others of the family settled near where Fulton, Kentucky, now stands.

David Boaz became a man of means, owning a number of slaves. Some of these he had inherited from his father. Land was cleared and put in cultivation, corn, wheat, oats, and tobacco being the principal crops. Orchards were planted and soon the frontier country was made to bloom by the hand of the sturdy pioneers, aided by the

God above, in whom they trusted and worshiped in simple faith.

David Boaz early donated land for the establishment of a public school, which was largely maintained by him and his brother Joshua during that time when the state gave little assistance. This school for many years, and in fact to this day, is one of the leading schools of the county. It is known as "Boaz School, District Number 72." In this school two of his sons, two nephews, and a number of grandsons have been prominent teachers, as well as in other schools of the county.

In 1838, Thomas Boaz, father of David, died in Davidson County, Tennessee, and David was called upon to administer the estate. The records in the courthouse, Nashville, show that he and several of his brothers and sisters sold the land in 1839-41. At that time the descendants of Thomas Boaz were living in Mississippi, West Tennessee, and West Kentucky. This land today is owned by C. G. Burkett, who was formerly a teacher in the high schools of Nashville. He inherited it from his father. It is one of the finest farms of the county, under a high state of cultivation.

David Boaz was a Democrat of the Jackson type. He had been reared only a short distance from the "Hermitage." From 1816 to 1837 he was a near neighbor of General Jackson, with the exception of the eight years Jackson was President and lived in Washington; though, of course, he maintained his home at the "Hermitage." David Boaz had inherited slavery from his father but early decided to gradually dispose of his slaves, which he did by selling a number and freeing others before the War between the States broke out.

More than a decade previous to the war the state provided for the placing of a block of Kentucky marble in the Washington Monument to bear the inscription: "Under the auspices of Heaven and the precepts of Washington, Kentucky will be the last to give up the Union," and she meant it with all her heart. The great seal of the state has on it this motto, adopted by the state: "United we stand, divided we fall." With these ideals and mottoes Kentucky decided to remain neutral in the war; and David Boaz, with the spirit and attitude of that great Virginian and true American, Robert E. Lee, remained loyal to his state and was neutral throughout the war. History tells us of the struggle between the two forces in Kentucky, and how it became a matter of every man for himself. David and his brother Joshua, who was living on an adjoining section south, were on different grounds; Joshua joined with the South and gave

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one son to the Confederate Army. But this is war and Kentucky had her full share of it during those stormy days. The two Negro servants, being the only ones kept by David Boaz at the time he disposed of his slaves, remained in his home until his death, 1876.

David Boaz was a most popular man in his community and his home was an open house to friends from everywhere, and in that old Kentucky style of hospitality. He and his wife, Lucinda, were consistent members of the Primitive Baptist Church and for a number of years he was an officer in the Mount Pleasant Church, which was located only a short distance from his home. He was often called upon to administer estates, until he had more of that kind of work than he could well attend to and at the same time look after his own estate. Believing it the best way to start his children right in the world, he began to deed them land for a home as they married and established homes of their own; and as a result most of them established homes near him, and to this day many of his descendants live in that part of the county. David Boaz was a man of medium build, square shoulders, rather heavy set, weighed about 165 pounds, fair complexion and blue eyes. He had a broad forehead, open, frank, and pleasant address, and a kind disposition. He and his wife, Lucinda, were known and loved by many far and near. He was a man who practiced his religion, and those who were in need of assistance found him a friend indeed. Many years before their death, David and Lucinda Boaz expressed the desire that they be taken at the same time. They died two hours apart, February, 1876, and were buried in the same casket in the family graveyard near their home. Their forty-nine years of married life was much in harmony with the family life recorded in the Bible for our guidance.

I. JAMES NELSON BOAZ, 1829-1875

James Nelson Boaz was born in 1829 and died in 1875. He was the oldest son of David and Lucinda (Whitis) Boaz. He was a farmer and schoolteacher. He was of medium build, had dark hair and gray eyes and weighed about 165 pounds. He reared a large family. In addition to his duties as a farmer and teacher he built a small school-room in his yard where he spent two hours each day in teaching his children.

In 1849 he married Martha Evers, who was born in 1831 and died 1899. To this union ten children were born, three of whom died in early manhood.

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- (1) Alice Rosalie Boaz, b. _____; m. Dr. J. S. Mathis of Mayfield, Ky. No children and both are deceased.
- (2) George Washington Boaz, b. 1854 and d. 1876. He was a farmer and of medium build. Married Sallie Davidson. Children:
 - a. Walter Boaz, b. _____. Was thrown from a horse and killed when at the age of twenty-three. Unmarried.
 - b. Edna Boaz, b. _____; m. _____ Bean, who is now deceased. His widow, Edna (Boaz) Bean, still living (1949).
- (3) Benjamin Franklin Boaz, b. _____, 1855; d. 1948. He was a man of medium build and weighed about 160 pounds, had dark hair and blue eyes. During his early life he was a successful businessman. He married Susie Nall in 1879. She died about 1940. Children:
 - a. Clarence Boaz, b. _____; m. Iva McCauley. They lived in Memphis, Tenn., and are both deceased. Children:
 - (a) Newell McCauley Boaz, b. _____; m. Laura Piercall. Children:
 - Newell McCauley Boaz, Jr.
 - Isabelle Boaz.
 - George Howard Boaz.
 - (b) Newt McCauley Boaz, b. _____. Died unmarried.
 - (c) Helen Boaz, b. _____; m. Mabon Clifton. Children:
 - Jean Clifton.
 - Patricia Clifton.
 - Donna Clifton.
 - (d) Hilda Boaz, b. _____. Unmarried.
 - (e) Susiebelle Boaz, b. _____; m. Emmett Newton.
 - (f) Clarence Boaz, b. _____; m. _____. One child:
 - James Clayton Boaz.
 - (g) Ivan Lee Boaz, b. _____; m. Newton Ellis. Children:
 - Beverly Ellis.

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Paula Ellis.

- (h) Bettie Jane Boaz, b. _____; m. Kenneth Knight. One child:

Jeffrey Lyne Knight.

- b. Charley Boaz, b. _____; m. Blanche Humphries.
Children:

- (a) Howard Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
Children:

_____.
Howard Boaz and his wife are living in Lexington, Ky., at this time (1949).

- (b) James Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
Children:

_____.
James Boaz and his wife live in Louisville, Ky.

- (c) Thomas Boaz, b. _____. Unmarried and is a student in the University of Missouri (1949).

Howard, James and Thomas Boaz all served in World War II and made good records.

Charley and Blanche (Humphries) Boaz live in Mayfield, Ky., at this time (1949). Charley is a salesman for Montgomery Ward & Company.

- c. Mildred Boaz, b. _____; m. Thurman Davis, a farmer. They live near Mayfield, Ky.

- d. Howard Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
Children:

(a) _____.

(b) _____.

(c) _____.

Howard Boaz has been a salesman for many years. He and his family make their home in Indianapolis, Ind. He is prosperous and influential.

- e. Nannie Boaz, b. _____; m. _____ King.
Children:

(a) _____.

(b) _____.

(c) _____.

- f. Pearl Boaz, b. _____. Died at eighteen years of age and never married.

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- (4) Lin Boyd Boaz, the third son of James Nelson and Martha (Evers) Boaz, was born Feb. 7, 1858, on his father's farm in the northern part of Graves County, Ky. He lived in the home until the death of his father, 1875, and then went to live with his mother's sister, Mrs. Joshua Copeland, of Massac County, Ill. Mr. Copeland owned a large plantation and a general merchandising store. He also had a large family of girls and only one son, the youngest of the family. Lin Boyd was taken in as a member of the family and became very helpful to his uncle.

At the age of twenty-one Lin Boyd Boaz married Lydia Douglass, of Massac County, Ill., and settled on a farm near that of his uncle. To this union five children were born, namely:

- a. A son who died in infancy.
- b. Effie Agnes.
- c. Orville Lin.
- d. Tressie.
- e. Delbert John.

Lin Boyd Boaz became a successful merchant and established the post office, Boaz, Ill. In 1897 he and his family moved to Starke, Fla., where he again entered the mercantile business and was very prosperous. After a short illness he died in 1903 and was buried in the cemetery at Starke. Effie Agnes married before the death of her father and moved to Montana. His widow married again and moved to Jacksonville, Fla., and took good care of the children and gave them a good education.

- (5) Mark Wilton Boaz, the fourth son of James Nelson and Martha (Evers) Boaz, was born Apr. 11, 1859. He was the only brunette in the family, having brown eyes and dark hair, resembling his mother's family. He was educated in the public schools of the county and at an early age could play well on the violin. He was a favorite in the home and among the young people, often playing in the stringed band for the square dances given in the community. When he was sixteen years of age his father died. On his deathbed his father called him to the bedside and said, "Mark, my good boy," and pronounced on him the Biblical blessing. Having unusual moral excellence he was beloved by all.

When Mark Wilton's sister, Alice Rosalie, married Dr. J. S. Mathis he was engaged as a clerk in the large drug-store owned by his brother-in-law and became very efficient as a clerk. During a fire which broke out in the drugstore he became overheated in trying to salvage the contents of the store and never recovered from its effects, but took typhoid fever and died when he was only twenty-six years old. He was never married. He was buried in the David Boaz cemetery.

- (6) Thomas Dick Boaz, son of James Nelson and Martha (Evers) Boaz, was born May 25, 1861; died 1919. His father and mother were teachers before him and Dick became a bright student and was given much private teaching at home. After completing the public school course he entered Teachers Normal at Mayfield, Ky., where he graduated in due time and became a teacher in the public schools of Graves County. Later he became a teacher in the public schools of Mayfield and then in the Teachers Normal at Mayfield. During this time he became a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and was active in its work.

On Jan. 1, 1889, he married Lucy Belote, oldest daughter of J. C. Belote, a prominent businessman of Mayfield. To them five children were born, viz.: Lura, Lala, J. Noble, Thenton D., and a child who died at birth.

- a. Lura was born Nov. 15, 1890. After completing her education at West Kentucky College and at the State Teachers College at Bowling Green, Ky., she entered her work as a teacher. Later she married J. J. McNeely, of Wingo, Ky. They made their home in Clarendon, Va. Her husband was connected with the U.S. postal department. To them three children were born. Names unknown.
- b. Lala was born Jan. 21, 1896, and died four years later.
- c. J. Noble Boaz was born Aug. 7, 1899. After completing his education in Mayfield, his home city, he entered business as a news dealer. Later he became a traveling salesman for the Mentholum Company of Buffalo, N. Y. He is now a successful real estate man of Washington, D. C. On Jan. 1, 1936, he married Margaret Elizabeth Maize, of Chevy Chase, Md. She was born in

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 4, 1906. They have one daughter, Natalie, born Aug. 13, 1942.

- d. Thenton D. Boaz was born Aug. 25, 1904. Completing the public schools of Mayfield he entered George Washington University in Washington, D. C., and received his B.S. degree. He then entered the Medical Department of George Washington University from which he graduated and entered the U.S. Navy. He saw service in China prior to World War II. During World War II he was on the staff of Admiral Halsey in the Pacific. He served also in other foreign fields and is now, 1948, a Captain in the U.S. Navy and is located at Corpus Christi, Texas. In addition to his medical training he is also a pilot in the Naval Air Force.

- e. Infant who died at birth.

- (7) Lorenzo Dow Boaz was the seventh child of James Nelson and Martha (Evers) Boaz. He was born on July 14, 1863, in the midst of the War between the States. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and attended the public schools of the district. His father died Mar. 12, 1875, and the management of the farm fell to an older brother for the time being. At the age of twenty-one he assumed the management of the farm, his older brothers having established themselves in other lines of business. He was an excellent manager of the farm, being thrifty, industrious, and persevering in all his efforts.

At the age of twenty-two, having completed his work in the public schools and the Teachers Normal at Mayfield, Ky., he entered the profession of teaching and continued in this work for several years. In 1887 he entered the Louisville Hospital College and remained there one year. He then entered the University of Louisville for a year of study and then returned to the Louisville Hospital College where he took his M.D. degree in 1890.

While following the usual practice of a physician he specialized in the diseases of women and children and in this work he achieved great success. For many years he enjoyed a lucrative practice in medicine and was often called into consultation by other physicians. He was considered a most excellent diagnostician.

During the time of his work as a teacher he met and married Eliza Watts of Mayfield, Ky. She was the daughter of N. B. Watts, a prominent and successful businessman of Mayfield. Eliza Watts was also a teacher and considered very successful in her work. They were married in 1904 and had their home in Harris, Tenn.

(8) Abraham Boaz, the eighth child of James Nelson and Martha (Evers) Boaz, was born in 1864 and died in 1866.

(9) John David Evers Boaz, 1867-1943, the ninth child of James Nelson and Martha (Evers) Boaz, was born in Graves County, Ky. He received a good basic education in the schools of that district and earned a teaching certificate from the University of Kentucky. He soon became the principal of the school at Union City, Tenn. Here he met and married Annette Jane Gardner in 1899. He quit teaching and took employment with the Oliver Typewriting Company. Working for this and other typewriting companies, he and his family moved from Union City to Knoxville and from there to Nashville and to Memphis and to Chicago and finally to Oklahoma City, where they settled in 1912. Here, after operating for a short time as an insurance agent, he returned to the typewriter business in which he remained for most of his later life. While engaged in this work he undertook the collection of information concerning the Boaz family in America. In this task he traveled extensively and collected many very valuable facts. Much of the information found in this volume was collected by him and from members of the family whom he visited in person.

John D. E. Boaz was divorced from Annette Gardner Boaz in 1922. He was after that married twice but each marriage was short lived and to him no children were born of either of these marriages. His first wife, Annette Gardner Boaz, died in Oklahoma City, Aug. 21, 1942. He was struck by a truck or automobile in Salem, Ill., and died on Christmas Eve, 1942. The past ten years of his life had been spent in the city where he was struck and he was buried there. To him and Annette Gardner Boaz five children were born:

a. David Franklin Boaz, b. 1900; d. 1901, Union City, Tenn.

b. Knox Gardner Boaz, b. 1900 in Union City, Tenn. At-

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tended the University of Oklahoma and has been employed by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company since 1921. He is now the manager of this company's branch office in Joplin, Mo. Married Felma Carden Apr. 7, 1935. Their children are:

- (a) Knox Gardner Boaz, Jr., b. 1938; d. in infancy.
 - (b) Nancie Annette Boaz, b. June 3, 1939, Oklahoma City.
 - (c) James Knox Boaz, b. July 10, 1945, Oklahoma City.
- c. Evers Harper Boaz, b. 1908 in Nashville. He was educated in Oklahoma City public schools, where he was very popular and held many school offices. Since 1927 he has been employed by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. He is now (1949) manager of the branch office in Salina, Kan. Married Alice Miller of Oklahoma City, Nov. 3, 1935. Before moving to Salina they lived in Enid, Okla. Their children are:
- (a) John Knox Boaz, b. June 6, 1938.
 - (b) Robert Howard Boaz, and
 - (c) David Evers Boaz, twins, b. Dec. 4, 1943.
- d. Ruth Baird Boaz, b. 1912, in Oklahoma City. Educated in Oklahoma City public schools. Married F. Duane Wood in 1935. Divorced in 1942. No children. She is a member and officer in several local clubs. For some years she has been the secretary of the Oklahoma City Kiwanis Club. She is efficient and popular with her friends.
- e. Joseph Nowlin Boaz was born in Oklahoma City, July 20, 1917. He attended the Oklahoma City public schools until 1935. The University of Oklahoma conferred on him in 1940 B.S. Architectural Engineering and Bachelor of Architecture. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with the highest average grade in arch. and arch. enrg. to that date on record at O.U. and was awarded a fellowship to Columbia University. Member Sigma Tau and Tau Beta Pi, which are scholastic engineering organizations. Columbia University, New York City, M.S. Architecture, 1941.
- Work:

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- 1941-43 Associate Architect, Bu. Yards and Docks.
Navy Dept., Washington, D. C.
- 1943-45 Associate partnership with Ketchum, Gina
and Sharp, Architects, in New York City.
Instructor in Architectural Design in evening
classes, Columbia University.
- 1945 In private practice of Architecture in Okla-
homa City, Okla. Work being executed in
Oklahoma and Texas. Two publications of
work in professional journals; three more
publications scheduled.
- 1948 Toured Europe in prosecution of his studies
in various kinds of Architecture to be found
in the Old World.
- 1949 Now again in the practice of his profession
in Oklahoma City.
Registered architect in New York, Oklahoma,
and Texas. Member of American Institute of
Architects.

- (10) William Penn Boaz, the tenth child of James Nelson and Martha (Evers) Boaz, was born Dec. 11, 1868. He was named for the founder of the City of Brotherly Love. He was only six years old when his father died, being the youngest of the family. He and his brother, eighteen months older than himself, were often taken for twins. They grew up together and were chums in play and at school. "Billie," as he was often called by his friends, was especially bright in his school work and became one of the best debaters in school. He intended to complete his college work after teaching for a time. Two weeks before his first term of teaching was to begin he died, being only twenty years of age. During his illness his great concern was what was to become of his school in event of his death. His body rests beside that of his father and brothers.

2. LUCINDA JANE BOAZ, 1831-1835

3. SALLY ANN BOAZ, 1833-1855

Sally Ann Boaz, second daughter and third child of David and Lucinda (Whitis) Boaz, was born June 30, 1833, in Graves County,

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Ky. She was educated in the schools of the county and at the age of seventeen was married to William B. Gillmore, 1850, and they made their home in Effingham County, Ill.; but later moved to Texas, where Mr. Gillmore engaged in the cattle business. Sally Ann Gillmore died 1855. To them were born two daughters:

(1) Mary Gillmore, 1851-1880; m. J. H. Brown, 1878, and to them one son was born:

a. Reuben Brown, b. 1880; m. _____, 1907. Three sons:

(a) Biffle, b. 1908.

(b) Kern, b. 1912.

(c) Sidney, b. 1913.

(2) Virginia Gillmore, b. 1853; m. J. F. McClure, 1880, of Graves County, Ky., grandson of Nancy Whitis McClure, sister of Lucinda Whitis Boaz. To this union a daughter was born:

a. Gertrude, b. 1882; m. J. W. Johnson, 1902. One daughter:

(a) Frankie, b. 1907. In school at Ryan, Okla.

In 1878 J. F. McClure, a young man of about twenty-five, went to Texas to seek his fortune, going to Dexter, Cook County. Two years later (1880) he married Virginia Gillmore, at the home of Samuel Shadrach Boaz, her uncle, while they were on a visit to Kentucky. They later came back to Dexter, Texas, where Mr. McClure engaged in the farming and stock-raising business. They moved to Oklahoma some years later, where he engaged in the farm and stock business with success. Mr. McClure died in 1909, his widow surviving. At the time of his death Mr. McClure was one of the County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Oklahoma.

4. WILLIAM THOMAS BOAZ, 1835-1876

William Thomas Boaz, the second son of David and Lucinda (Whitis) Boaz, reached young manhood. He never married and died early in life. He taught school for a number of years before his death, took a prominent interest in politics and Church activities, was a staunch believer in the cause of the Confederacy. He was six feet high, weighed 170 pounds, had black hair and eyes and was handsome in appearance.

5. SAMUEL SHADRACH BOAZ, 1837-1901

Samuel Shadrach Boaz was born in the northern part of Graves County, March 24, 1837. He was the third son and fifth child of

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David and Lucinda (Whitis) Boaz. David was the son of Thomas and Lucinda (Davis) Boaz and was born in Davidson County, Tennessee. Thomas was the son of Shadrach and Isabel (Rutherford) Boaz. Shadrach was the son of the original Thomas Boaz who came to America in 1748 and settled in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

Samuel Shadrach Boaz was about five feet and eleven inches in height, and weighed one hundred sixty pounds. He had dark hair and gray eyes. Early in life he suffered a fracture of his right arm at the elbow which caused him to have a stiff arm all his life. Otherwise he was of fine physical stature and mental ability. He was a lover of fine stock and realized considerable profit from his horses, cattle, and hogs, which he kept in abundance on his farm. He spent his entire life on his farm.

On account of his physical handicap he was not in the Civil War but was a strong believer in the cause of the Confederacy. He and his brothers were divided on this question, two of whom with their father believed in the cause of the Union and the others in the cause of the Confederacy. He was a staunch believer in the principles of Thomas Jefferson and always took a leading part in political affairs, voting at each election for the Democratic Party.

In due time he married Vincia Ensley and settled on a farm two miles west of his father's home and about three miles northeast of Boaz, Kentucky. Vincia Ensley Boaz was of small stature. She was born and reared in Ballard County, Kentucky. To this union eight children were born:

- (1) William A. Boaz, b. Jan. 24, 1860; d. Jan. 18, 1874, as a result of a fall on the ice when skating.
- (2) John David Boaz, b. June 26, 1862; d. Nov. 22, 1926. He was an extensive farmer, of medium build, with dark hair and gray eyes. For a number of years he was a teacher in Graves County. Later he served as deputy Assessor and deputy County Court Clerk. He also served as Justice of the Peace on the Fiscal Court. He was a Democrat and of the Primitive Baptist Church faith. Married Rosa Parks and to them three children were born:

a. Fannie Boaz, b. _____; m. Earl Ballance.
Children:

- (a) Nell Ballance, b. _____; d. early in life.
- (b) John Henry Ballance, b. _____; d. early in life.

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- (c) Marguerite Ballance, b. _____; m. Radford Stroud. One child: _____. Marguerite (Ballance) Stroud and her husband are living in Paducah, Ky., where her husband is in the grocery business.
- b. Clyde Boaz, b. _____; d. early in life.
- c. Annie Boaz, b. _____; m. Roscoe Houser. They are now (1949) living in McCracken County, Ky., where he is engaged as a livestock dealer. One child: Rose Mae Houser, who is in high school, Paducah.
- (3) Mollie Boaz, b. Jan. 13, 1865; m. Edward Rawlinson; d. May, 1901, and buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Graves County, Ky. She was of a jovial disposition and enjoyed life to the fullest, the most of which was spent on their farm. Later they moved to Paducah, Ky., where her husband was in the grocery business. Children:
- a. Allen Rawlinson, b. _____. Unmarried. Still living (1949).
- b. Ina Rawlinson, b. _____; m. Ed Russell. One child:
- (a) Ernest Russell, b. _____; m. Alta Wiloughby. One child: Curtis Edward Russell.
- c. Cynthia Rawlinson, b. _____; m. George Grimm. Children:
- (a) James Grimm, b. _____; m. Anna Bell. Children:
- Deanna Grimm.
Judith Carol Grimm.
Harold Grimm.
- (b) Harold Grimm, b. _____; m. Mattie Owen. No children.
- (c) Mary Cathrine Grimm, b. _____; m. John Carnady. One child: Billy Carnady.
- (d) Billy Grimm, b. _____. Unmarried.
- (e) Bobby Grimm, b. _____. Unmarried.
- d. Samuel Stewart Rawlinson, b. _____; m. Katie Morgan. Three children:
- (a) Mary Margaret Rawlinson, b. _____; m. W. B. Lancaster.

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(b) Stewart Rawlinson, Jr.

(c) June Rawlinson, b. _____; m. W. H. Hall.

(4) Lucinda Boaz, b. _____ on her father's farm in north Graves County, Ky. She was of small stature and had dark hair, gray eyes, and a fine sense of humor, always enjoying life. She was of the Primitive Baptist faith and at death was buried in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Graves County, Ky. She spent her entire life on the farm. She was married to Charles L. Shaffer. To them six children were born:

a. Otho Shaffer, b. _____; m. Bess Warford.

Three children:

(a) Mary Louise Shaffer, b. _____; m. L. D. Sullivan.

(b) Osborne Shaffer, b. _____; m. Mary Nance.

(c) Charles Thomas Shaffer, b. _____. Unmarried.

b. Grace Shaffer, b. _____; m. Edward Jones.

Five children:

(a) Cora Mae Jones, b. _____; m. James Sanders.

(b) Athleen Jones, b. _____; m. Hubert Alexander.

(c) Amanda Lou Jones, b. _____; m. Fred Robertson.

(d) James Thomas Jones, b. _____. Unmarried.

(e) Eva Jones, b. _____. Unmarried.

c. James Arol Shaffer, b. _____; m. Annie Woods.

One child:

(a) Randall Wood Shaffer.

d. Musetta Shaffer, b. _____; m. Rudy Watkins.

No children.

e. Vincia Shaffer, b. _____. Unmarried.

f. Harlan Shaffer, b. _____; m. Corine Watkins.

Two children.

(a) Anna Lou Shaffer, b. _____; m. Harold Phillips.

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- (b) Patsy Sue Shaffer, b. _____. Unmarried.
- (5) James Samuel Boaz, son of Samuel Shadrach and Vincia (Ensley) Boaz, was born in Graves County, Ky. He was of medium build, had dark hair, gray eyes, and weighed about one hundred fifty-five pounds. Early in life he went to Texas and spent three years as a cowboy. He returned to Graves County and found employment with the N. C. & St. L. Ry. Co. and later with the Illinois Central R.R. in Paducah, Ky. While working as a switchman he was severely injured and retired from railroading and moved to a farm where he lived to the end of his life. In due time he married Myrtie McNeil. To them no children were born. After the death of his first wife he married Madie Housman. To them four children were born:

- a. Lloyd Boaz, b. _____; m. Emma Lou Kaler.
One child:

(a) _____.

- b. Eva Boaz, b. _____; m. William _____. One child:

(a) _____.

- c. Mary Lou Boaz, b. _____; m. Alvie Whitis.
Four children:

(a) _____.

(b) _____.

(c) _____.

(d) _____.

- d. John David Boaz, b. _____; m. Dorothy Johnson. One child:

(a) _____.

James Samuel Boaz was buried in the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in the northern part of Graves County, Ky.

- (6) Musetta Boaz, daughter of Samuel Shadrach and Vincia (Ensley) Boaz, was born in Graves County, Ky., _____. She was of medium build, had dark hair and gray eyes. She was warmhearted, good-natured and devoted to her family and friends. Was well beloved by all who knew her. Married Yock Dedrick. Six children:

- a. Orvie Lee Dedrick, b. _____; d. at eight months of age.

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- b. Claud Dedrick, b. _____; d. at twenty-seven.
Unmarried.
- c. Ovella Dedrick, b. _____; m. Ted Harper.
Three children:
 - (a) Prudence McCoy Harper, b. _____; m. _____.
Two children.
 - (b) Helen Harper, b. _____.
 - (c) Bettie Jean Harper, b. _____. Unmarried.
- d. Samuel Dedrick, b. _____; m. Mamie Marshall. One child:
 - (a) Frances Dedrick, b. _____; m. Vernon May. One child, b. _____.
- e. Lexie Dedrick, b. _____; m. Mahaska Ray.
No children.
- f. Valeria Dedrick, b. _____; m. Clyde Jenkins.
One child:
 - (a) Genevive Jenkins.

Musetta Boaz Dedrick died during an operation at the I. C. Hospital at Paducah, Ky., and was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, in Graves County, Ky.

(7) George Leslie Boaz, b. Apr. 21, 1878; d. Sept. 7, 1878.

(8) Unnamed infant, b. Nov. 30, 1882; d. Feb. 6, 1883.

After the death of his first wife, Vincia (Ensley) Boaz, December 23, 1882, Samuel Shadrach Boaz married Sophronia Houser, the daughter of James Houser, one of the original settlers of McCracken County, Kentucky, who lived to be ninety-nine years old and often referred to the fact that he had voted for every Democratic nominee for President from Andrew Jackson to William Jennings Bryan in 1900. Her brother, George Houser, was sheriff of McCracken County and another brother, Fayette Houser, served as jailer for the same county. In her early life she was of medium build and later weighed about one hundred seventy pounds. After the death of her husband she resided with her son, Seth Thomas Boaz, until the time of her death in Mayfield, Kentucky, June 1, 1926. She was buried in the family lot at Highland Park Cemetery, Mayfield, Kentucky. Samuel Shadrach Boaz and both of his wives were of the Primitive Baptist faith.

To Samuel Shadrach Boaz and his second wife were born two sons:

- (1) Seth Thomas Boaz, b. Oct. 29, 1885. He is six feet tall and has dark hair and gray eyes. He was educated in the common

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schools of Graves County and graduated in 1901, after which he entered West Kentucky College where he spent two years. Another year was spent in Farmington Institute, Farmington, Ky. Taught for three years in Graves County and in 1907 entered the Law School at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., graduating in 1909 with the degree of LL.B. Was admitted to the Kentucky State Bar Apr., 1909, and began the practice of law in Mayfield, Ky. In Nov., 1913, he was elected to the office of City Attorney on the Democratic ticket, which office he held until Nov., 1914, when he was appointed to the office of Judge of the Mayfield Police Court. In 1916 he was elected to the same office for a term of four years. In 1921 he was again elected City Attorney, which position he held until Jan. 1, 1926, when he entered upon his duties as County Attorney of Graves County, to which position he had been elected in the previous November election. This position he held until Jan., 1934, when he entered the private practice of law in the firm of Hollifield, McDonald and Boaz and is still a member of that firm (1949). His hobby is baseball and for 1919 and 1920 he was manager of baseball club. He is Past-Grand among the Odd Fellows, PCP in the Encampment, Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks, and a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

On Jan. 20, 1906, he married Osa Whitis. To this union eight children were born:

a. Oso Odessa Boaz, b. Dec. 5, 1909; m. Frank A. Stubblefield, who is engaged in the drug business in Murray, Ky. Two children:

(a) Virginia Sue Stubblefield, b. 1938.

(b) Frankie Stubblefield, b. 1942.

b. Seth Thomas Boaz, Jr., b. Oct. 5, 1912: Graduated from Mayfield High School 1928; attended University of Kentucky; graduated from Murray State Teachers College, 1932; entered the U.S. Army at Los Angeles, Calif., June, 1941; graduated from Harvard Business College, Boston, Mass., 1942, and was commissioned Second Lt. Served in England and France during the invasion of France as Statistical Officer of the Air Force. At the time of his honorable discharge he was a Major in the U.S. Army. He entered the Law Department of

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the University of Louisville on his return home and graduated in Sept., 1949. He is a Mason and a member of the First Christian Church of Mayfield, Ky.

- c. Naomi Boaz, b. July 1, 1915; m. Wayne Andrus. They live in Tucson, Ariz., where he is a salesman for Sears Co. Children:

(a) Donald Boaz Andrus, b. 1937.

(b) Thomas Harold Andrus, b. 1941.

- d. Harry Houser Boaz, b. Apr. 28, 1918. Graduated from Mayfield High School; attended Murray State Teachers College and University of Kentucky and is now a student in Michigan State, Lansing, Mich. Entered the U.S. Army in 1941 and was assigned to the Air Corps as Clerk at Yuma, Ariz., Air Base. Served here for three years and received an honorable discharge at Fort Knox, Ky., in 1945. He is a member of the First Christian Church and of the Masonic Lodge.

- e. Shadrach Whitis Boaz, b. Nov. 2, 1920. Graduated from Mayfield High School, attended Murray State Teachers College until entering the University of Louisville, where he graduated in 1941. He entered the University of Louisville to complete his literary work and was called to serve in the U.S. Navy. Admitted to the Bar by the Court of Appeals of Kentucky in June, 1941. Admitted to Midshipman School at Northwestern University from which he graduated and was commissioned an Ensign U.S. Navy, Apr. 21, 1943. Was then assigned to Philadelphia Naval Base and on June 6, 1943, was ordered overseas, having requested sea duty. Saw service in the Mediterranean, African, Sicilian, and Italian Invasions and was assigned to England. Was in command of LCT 197 in the Invasion of France, when his ship was sunk and he lost his life. His body was never recovered. He was a member of the First Christian Church and the Masonic Lodge in Mayfield, Ky. Unmarried.

- f. Malcolm Reinald Boaz, b. Mar. 19, 1924. Graduated from Mayfield High School; was attending Murray State Teachers College for two years, doing his pre-medical work, when called into the U.S. Army in 1942.

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Was assigned to the Medical Detachment, overseas to the European Theater. He saw service in England, France, Germany, and Austria. Honorably discharged 1945 and entered the University of Louisville, where he is now a student (1949). He is unmarried and a member of the First Christian Church.

- g. Samuel Stom Boaz, b. Nov. 21, 1926. Graduated from Mayfield High School, 1944; entered Murray State Teachers College and was called into U.S. Navy. Assigned for officer's training to Berea College, Berea, Ky.; later assigned to Michigan State College; later assigned to Miami University and was offered an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, which he declined. Then assigned to duty as a seaman on the U.S. ship, "Missouri." Saw service in the Atlantic and the Caribbean Sea. At the close of the war he received an honorable discharge and returned home to enter the Law School of the University of Louisville, from which he graduated in the spring of 1949, stood his state examination and is now (1949) a member of the law firm, McDonald and Boaz, in Mayfield, Ky. He is unmarried and a member of the First Christian Church.
- h. William Martin Boaz, b. Feb. 11, 1930. He is now a student in the Mayfield High School and has his home with his parents. Is a member of the First Christian Church.

6. MARY ELIZABETH BOAZ

It is regretted that at the present time we have no record of Mary Elizabeth Boaz, the sixth child and third daughter of David and Lucinda (Whitis) Boaz. It may be that the future will bring some news of her and her family.

7. DAVID FRANKLIN BOAZ, 1841-1846

David Franklin, son of David and Lucinda (Whitis) Boaz, was born in Graves County in 1841; died 1876. He spent his entire life on the farm. He was successful and highly respected by all his neighbors. He was of medium build and weighed about one hundred fifty pounds. Had dark hair and gray eyes. Married Mary Clark of Mc-

Cracken County, Kentucky, daughter of Captain Clark of the Confederate Army. To this union four children were born:

- (1) William David Boaz, b. _____, 1867; d. 1944, while living with his daughter at Mayfield, Ky. Buried at Hardmoney Cemetery in the northern part of Graves County. He spent his life on his farm. Was a Democrat and member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Married Mary Harper. Children:
 - a. Raymond Boaz, b. 1893; m. Gertrude Dedrick. He and his family live at Paducah, Ky., where he is employed as a salesman for a bakery. Children:
 - (a) John William Boaz, b. _____.
 - (b) Richard Boaz, b. _____.
 - (c) Robert Boaz, b. _____.
 - b. Lizzie Boaz, b. 1891; m. Roscoe Reed, who was a teacher in the public schools of Graves County for many years. Later employed in the U.S. Post Office in Mayfield and at his death was Assistant Postmaster at Mayfield. His widow resides now (1949) in Mayfield. One son: Maurice Reed, who graduated from Murray State Teachers College and the Pharmaceutical School of the University of Tennessee and is now in the drug business in Bardstown, Ky. Married Winfred Wickersham. One child.
- (2) John Clinton Boaz, b. 1868; m. Mattie Bass. He was widely known, handsome, affable and popular. Early in his business career he moved to Paducah and was a salesman for Michael Brothers who were in the hardware, buggy, and harness business. He gained steady promotion and at the time of his death was manager of the store. Children:
 - a. Hettie B. Boaz, b. _____; m. Rev. _____ Ellis, a Missionary Baptist minister.
 - b. Hallie Boaz, b. _____; m. John Houser.
 - c. Pauline Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
 - d. Johnson Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
- (3) Thomas Clark Boaz, b. 1876; m. _____. Worked for many years as a harness maker and was manager of a harness department when he retired and moved to Tucson, Ariz., where he now resides (1949).
- (4) Mary Elizabeth Boaz, b. 1874; m. V. Lee Bolton. As a young woman she was considered very beautiful. Her hus-

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band was a traveling salesman for many years. He is now retired and they live in their home in the northern part of Graves County. They have one daughter:

- a. Mary Bolton, b. _____; m. Louis Wurth, a teacher in Northwestern University.

8. NANCY R. BOAZ, 1843-1929

Nancy R. Boaz, b. _____, 1843; m. John Brown, a Union soldier. She was small of stature and weighed about one hundred thirty pounds. She had a beautiful disposition and was always smiling. She spent her entire life on their farm which was near the home of her father. She was a member of the Christian Church. Her husband died early in life and left her with six small children, all of whom she reared to maturity. To her and her husband seven children were born:

- (1) Louie Brown, b. 1863; m. John R. Moore. They spent their lives on a good farm in the northern part of Graves County. To them six children were born:

- a. Don Moore, b. 1888; m. _____.
- b. Frank Moore, b. 1890; m. _____. Children:
 - (a) Jerry Moore, b. 1927, and is now (1949) in the U.S. Army.
- c. Lexie Moore, b. 1898.
- d. Beda Moore, b. 1894; m. Hurl Dunaway. One child:
 - (a) James Edward Dunaway, b. 1922.
- e. Rudy Moore, b. 1896; m. Garcie Freezor. Children:
 - (a) Margaret Moore, b. 1922; m. Glen Kemiz.
 - (b) Hilda Moore, b. 1924; m. Charles Cooker.
 - (c) Julia Moore, b. 1933. Unmarried.
 - (d) Patsy Moore, b. 1936. Unmarried.
- f. Charles Moore, b. 1905. Unmarried.

- (2) Mollie Brown, b. 1866; m. Mark Hackney, a farmer. They spent their lives on a farm about three miles east of Mayfield. She died about 1942. Children:

- a. Mark Brown Hackney, b. 1895; m. Valley Bennett. One child:
 - (a) Sarah Jane Hackney, b. 1921; m. Ray Coleman, an outfielder for the Saint Louis Browns.
- b. Verda Hackney, b. 1889; m. H. P. Johnson. One son:
 - (a) Herman Johnson, b. 1912.

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- c. Lurlie Hackney, b. 1891; m. Vester Batts. No child.
- d. Alma Hackney, b. 1892; m. C. L. Elliott. One child:
 - (a) Margie Elliott, m. Aubrey Bennett. Two children: Judith Ann, b. 1943. Larry Smith, b. 1947.
- e. Iana Hackney, b. 1902; m. Allen Smith. Children:
 - (a) Mark Thomas, b. 1927.
 - (b) Marlin, b. 1929.
 - (c) Keith, b. 1931.
 - (d) Rashill, b. 1933.
 - (e) Mary Ann, b. 1935.
 - (f) Glen, b. 1937.
 - (g) Sandra, b. 1941.

(3) Izzie Brown, b. 1872; m. Bud Bales. Three children:

- a. Lancy Bales, b. 1892; d. when a young man.
- b. Jessie Bales, b. 1897. Unmarried.
- c. Pernie Bales, b. 1900.

Izzie (Brown) Bales died as a young woman, when her daughter, Pernie, was a small child. Pernie was reared by her grandmother, Nancy (Boaz) Brown.

(4) John David Brown, b. 1868; m. Louella Fletcher. Eight children:

- a. John Brown, b. 1892; m. Ella Stokes. Children:
 - (a) Ovella Brown, b. 1913; m. Ray Thomas.
 - (b) Iona Brown, m. 1915; m. Barney Shanover.
 - (c) John W. Brown, Jr., b. 1920; m. _____.
- b. Perry Roscoe Brown, b. 1894; m. Annie Mae Freezor. One child:
 - (a) Helen Brown, b. 1921; m. Hardy Housman, Jr. One child, b. _____.

Perry Roscoe Brown was a teacher in the public schools of Graves County for some time; served in the Infantry in World War I; was wounded in the Battle of Belleau Wood. On his return from the war he was elected sheriff of Graves County, Ky., and served for one term and was then elected to serve in the Kentucky Legislature.

- c. Jackson Brown, b. 1907; m. Ila May Hughes. He became a Baptist (Missionary) minister. Children:
 - (a) Sue Brown, b. 1922; m. John McClure.
 - (b) Robert Brown, b. 1927.

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- (c) Jerry Brown, b. 1930.
- (d) Jackson Brown, b. 1936.
- (e) Timothy Brown, b. 1946.
- d. Lura Brown, b. 1897; m. Ollie Rice. One child:
 - (a) Mary Louise Rice, b. 1922.
- e. Rosie Brown, b. 1900; m. Raymond Reed. Two children:
 - (a) Isabella Reed, b. 1923; m. Aubrey Timberlake.
 - (b) David Rice Reed, b. 1928.
- f. Raymond Brown, b. 1904; m. Edith Johnson. Children:
 - (a) Peyton David Brown, b. 1924; m. Betty Mills.
 - (b) Billy Ray Brown, b. 1926; m. Marie Womack.
 - (c) Dorothy Brown, b. 1929; m. Tomie Vaughn.
 - (d) Hilda Brown, b. 1931. Unmarried.
- g. Mary Brown, b. 1913; m. J. R. McClure. Three children:
 - (a) Delois McClure, b. 1934.
 - (b) Sandra McClure, b. 1937.
 - (c) Dona Fay McClure, b. 1944.
- h. Rupert Brown, b. 1904. Unmarried.
- (5) Alexander Brown, b. 1878; m. Joe Ann Mansker. Six children:
 - a. Murrell Brown, b. 1901; m. Hermon Whitis.
 - b. Loretta Brown, b. 1904; m. Conley Reeves.
 - c. Fay Brown, b. 1912.
 - d. Died as infant.
 - e. Died as infant.
 - f. Died as infant.
- (6) Locke Brown, b. 1880; m. Lee Stovall. He is a prominent farmer in the northern part of Graves County and is now (1949) living on the farm that was owned by his parents. He is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Children:
 - a. Thelma Brown, b. 1908; m. Lawrence Stroud.
 - b. Aubrey Brown, b. 1910. Deceased. Married Jennie Bass. One child:
 - (a) Aubrey Thomas Brown, b. 1933.
 - c. Russell Brown, b. 1916.
 - d. Joe Brown, b. 1918.
 - e. Harold Brown, b. 1921; m. Clotine Wallace.
- (7) William Brown, b. 1873; m. Ida McIntosh. Five children:

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- a. Floella Brown, b. 1900; m. Press Russell.
- b. Lexie, b. 1902. Deceased.
- c. Fred, b. 1904. Deceased.
- d. Lilian, b. 1906; m. _____.
- e. Nellie, b. 1908; m. _____.

9. MARTHA BOAZ, 1845 (?)

Martha Boaz, the ninth child of David and Lucinda (Whitis) Boaz, was born on her father's farm about 1845. She was of medium build and weighed about one hundred forty pounds. She had black hair and gray eyes and was very industrious, always of fine humor and much beloved by her family and friends. She was a devoted member of the Primitive Baptist Church, a lovable and outstanding woman. She and her sister Nancy were married at the same time and with the same ceremony. She was married to James Davidson, a Confederate soldier. To this union seven children were born:

(1) Drucilla Davidson, b. 1865; m. David Whitis. Children:

- a. Beulah Whitis, b. 1884. Deceased.
- b. Edgar Whitis, b. _____; m. _____.
- c. Claud Whitis, b. _____. Lives with his mother in Paducah, Ky., where she has lived since her marriage. Her husband was an employee of the Illinois Central Railroad shops in Paducah during his lifetime.

(2) Al Davidson, b. 1867; m. Maggie McClure. He was a successful farmer in the northern part of Graves County, Ky. He is now (1949) deceased. Children:

- a. Ruth Davidson, b. _____; m. _____.
Living now.
- b. Edward Davidson, b. _____; m. _____.
Living now.

(3) Anderson (Buck) Davidson, b. 1869; m. Lady Ryburn. He is a prosperous farmer and living at the present time (1949). Five children:

- a. Joe Davidson, b. _____. Unmarried. He is an insurance agent in Detroit, Mich.
- b. Gervous Davidson, b. _____; m. _____.
He is District Superintendent of the National Life and Accident Insurance Company of Detroit, Mich. (1949).
- c. Vera Davidson, b. _____. Unmarried and resides with her parents.

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d. Rowena Davidson, b. _____; m. J. T. Barham. Before her marriage Rowena was a teacher in the public schools of Graves County and was later Assistant Home Demonstrator for Graves County.

e. Ouida Davidson, b. _____; m. Harold Horton.

(4) Andrew Jackson Davidson, b. 1871; m. Allie Sneed. He was a farmer during his entire lifetime. Six children:

a. Hovis Davidson, b. _____; m. _____.

b. Lola Davidson, b. _____; m. _____.

c. Wilbur Davidson, b. _____; m. _____.

d. Mayme Davidson, b. _____; m. _____.

e. Nellie Davidson, b. _____; m. _____.

f. Edgar Davidson, b. _____; m. _____.

After the death of his first wife Andrew J. Davidson married Flora Housman. To them several children were born.

(5) Frank Davidson, b. 1873; m. Inez Grisson. He owns and operates a stock farm and deals largely in livestock. To him and his wife eight children were born:

a. Cecil Davidson, b. _____.

b. Sylvia Davidson, b. _____.

c. Marie Davidson, b. _____.

d. James Ernest Davidson, b. _____.

e. Milford Davidson, b. _____.

f. Boaz Davidson, b. _____.

g. Vitruve Davidson and

h. Vertrue Davidson, twins, b. _____.

(6) Will Davidson, b. 1875; m. Ella Rhue. He worked for many years in the Illinois Central Railroad shops in Paducah, Ky. No children.

(7) Lela Davidson, b. 1881; m. Edward Rhue, a prosperous farmer. They are well to do and still live on the farm near her mother's old home. Children:

a. Anida Rhue, b. _____.

b. Ernest Rhue, b. _____.

10. GEORGE PEARCE BOAZ, 1852-1922

George Pearce Boaz, the last son of David and Lucinda (Whitis) Boaz, was born on his father's farm in 1852. He was a man of medium build and had dark hair and gray eyes. He spent his life on a farm. Was serious in his thinking, yet jolly and good-humored at all times.

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He was a devoted member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Married Maggie Harrison. To this union five children were born:

- (1) Lucy Boaz, b. 1871; m. Hardie Riley, a prominent stock dealer of Paducah, Ky. One son:
 - a. Platt Riley, b. 1898.
- (2) Mattie Boaz, b. 1877; m. James Gough, a successful farmer. They are both living on their farm eight miles north of Mayfield, Ky. (1949). Children:
 - a. Lola Gough, b. 1900; m. Emmett Swatzell.
 - b. Ruth Gough, b. 1902.
 - c. Fred Gough, b. 1907; m. _____.
 - d. Mary Gough, b. 1909; m. Jack McClure.
 - e. Gordon Gough, b. 1911; m. _____.
 - f. Wirlord Gough, b. 1913.
 - g. Robert Gough, b. 1915.
- (3) Dona Boaz, b. 1873; m. Nathan Edwards, a farmer of McCracken County, Ky. Three children:
 - a. Beulah Edwards, b. 1891; m. _____ Nance.
 - b. Oral Edwards, b. 1893; m. _____.
 - c. Cora Edwards, b. 1895; m. T. Hughes.
- (4) David Jonah Boaz, b. 1877; m. Jessie Weaver. They live in Mayfield, Ky., where he has been employed by the Curlee Clothing Company. Children:
 - a. Wayne Boaz, b. 1904; m. Alice Wolf. One child:
 - (a) David Wolf Boaz, b. 1928, who is now a sergeant in the U.S. Marines.

Wayne Boaz and his family live at this time (1949) in Detroit, Mich.
- (5) Brantly Boaz, b. 1890; m. Allie McReynolds. He is a Missionary Baptist preacher and lives with his family on a farm about five miles north of Mayfield. To this union eleven children were born:
 - a. Eunice Boaz, b. Feb. 9, 1912; m. Glenn Orr.
 - b. Harold Boaz, b. Oct. 26, 1913. M. Sgt. at Fort Knox, Ky.
 - c. Nolan B. Boaz, b. Nov. 29, 1915.
 - d. David C. Boaz, b. Nov. 5, 1917. A preacher.
 - e. George J. Boaz, b. Apr. 18, 1920.
 - f. B. B. Boaz, Jr., b. July 19, 1922. Sergeant.
 - g. Margaret Boaz, b. Oct. 31, 1924.
 - h. Allie Mae Boaz, b. June 5, 1927.

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- i. Martha E. Boaz, b. Aug. 25, 1929.
- j. John A. Boaz, b. Sept. 1, 1932.
- k. Lois Boaz, b. Nov. 12, 1935.

IV. SAMUEL BOAZ, 1809-1894

Samuel, the fourth son and fifth child of Thomas and Lucinda (Davis) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, March 8, 1809. When Samuel was seven years old his father moved to Middle Tennessee and settled on a farm sixteen miles southeast of Nashville. Five years later, December 31, 1821, Samuel's mother, Lucinda Davis Boaz, died, leaving his father with twelve children. Sallie, the oldest of the twelve, was only thirteen years of age. Recognizing the need of someone to take the place of the deceased mother, Thomas Boaz married Miss Fannie Tait of Tennessee. In this large family Samuel grew to manhood, attending the schools of the district and finishing his education in the schools of Nashville.

When a young man, Samuel Boaz, with several of his brothers and sisters, moved to "Jackson's Purchase" in western Kentucky and settled on a tract of land six miles north of where Fulton, Kentucky, now stands. Here he built his home. He soon met and married Miss Agnes Freeman, a daughter of one of the early settlers of that frontier country. Agnes was the sister of Elizabeth Freeman, who married William Boaz, the brother of Samuel Boaz. On this farm and in this new country Samuel and Agnes (Freeman) Boaz lived and reared a family of several children, namely: Hezekiah, Mary Frances, David, William J., Richard, Sarah, and Robert L.

During the year 1859 Samuel Boaz sold his highly developed farm to his son-in-law, Gilson La Fayette Davis, and moved to Texas. Gilson Davis had married Mary Frances, the oldest daughter of Samuel and Agnes Boaz. Samuel and Agnes Boaz settled on a farm near the town of Birdville, Texas, at that time the county seat of Tarrant County. The trip to Texas required six weeks. It was made in covered wagons. In the group were the father and mother, three sons and one daughter, and several slaves. About the time they arrived in Birdville the county seat was changed from Birdville to Fort Worth and no little excitement was evident over the situation. The people of Birdville declared that the ballot box had been stuffed and were angry over the injustice that had been suffered. William J. Boaz, one of the older sons, had been left in Kentucky to close up any business that had been left unfinished. At a later date he made the

trip to Texas alone and on horseback with quite a little gold in his belt.

Samuel Boaz was the owner of a large ranch near Birdville and engaged in farming, stock raising and merchandise. Two years after his arrival in Texas the Civil War broke upon the country and all material progress was greatly impeded. Several of his sons were soldiers in the Confederate Army. All his slaves were given their freedom. But in spite of difficulties Samuel Boaz prospered. His wife, Agnes, died during the year 1883. After her death he made his home with his son, W. J. Boaz, in the city of Fort Worth. Samuel Boaz was an active man during his entire life. He was a Primitive Baptist in faith, plain and unassuming. He passed to the other world in 1894, at the age of eighty-five.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND AGNES (FREEMAN) BOAZ

1. Hezekiah Boaz, b. _____; d. 1861, while serving as a soldier in the Confederate Army. Married _____. To this union one son was born, R. Lon Boaz, who married Lula Gorsuch. They had one daughter, Carolyne, who married B. W. Johnson. No children.
2. Mary Frances Boaz, born on the farm of her father near Fulton, Ky., Oct. 16, 1836. She was given the best education available in those early days. At the age of eighteen she was married to Gilson La Fayette Davis on Dec. 21, 1854. During the year 1859 she and her husband purchased from her father, Samuel Boaz, his well-developed farm near Fulton, Ky. Two years later the Civil War broke upon the country and they leased their farm for the duration of the war and took a wagon for Texas where she could be near her parents while the war continued. Her husband enlisted in the army and served for the entire duration of the war. After the war was over they returned to their farm and there lived and reared a family. They were both faithful and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. The local Church to which they belonged was known as the Mount Zion Presbyterian Church. Gilson L. F. Davis died Aug. 5, 1897. Mary Frances (Boaz) Davis died Jan. 8, 1910. Their bodies lie buried in the churchyard near where they worshiped. Their children are:

(1) Sarah Viola Davis, 1856-1922; m. James Monroe

Wright, a farmer of Kentucky. To them five children were born:

- a. A son who died in infancy.
 - b. Luna Belle, 1879, who married a Baptist minister, E. C. Nall, of Oklahoma. Two children.
 - c. Lonnie La Fayette, 1881; m. Carrie Dodson.
 - d. Leon, 1883, who married Govie Hamlet of Beerton, Ky. They have two children: James and Nellie.
 - e. Lottie Love, 1887; m. Ed. Clark.
- (2) John Samuel Davis, 1858-1874; d. at sixteen.
 - (3) Willie Agnes Davis, b. 1867; m. John A. Latta, 1890. They had five children: Walter Roy, Gilson Davis, Agnes Lorain, Geraldine, and Bena Elizabeth.
 - (4) Richard La Fayette Davis, who died in infancy.
 - (5) Walter Lee Davis, b. 1874; m. Mary Etta Latta, 1897. They had three children: Ruth Aline, Elsie, and Wilma.
 - (6) Lula Love Davis, b. 1878; m. E. C. Latta, 1898. They have three children: Willard, Reginald, and Joseph Edwin.

3. David (Tuck) Boaz was born on his father's farm in Hickman County, Ky., Sept. 15, 1838. Died Feb. 25, 1905, Fort Worth. In 1859 he was brought with his family to Birdville, Tarrant County, Texas. While living in Birdville he married Ada Hatcher. To this union one daughter, Etta Boaz, was born, Feb. 27, 1874, who married Arthur L. Smith, of Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 9, 1899. To them one daughter, Virginia Lee, was born, May 4, 1905. She married Hugh K. Wright of California, Feb. 21, 1930. No children. Etta (Boaz) Smith died in California, Mar. 1, 1945.

After the death of Ada (Hatcher) Boaz, David (Tuck) Boaz married Viola Morten in Aug., 1880. To this union two sons were born:

- (1) David Boaz, Jan. 11, 1885, in the city of Fort Worth. David has never married.
 - (2) William Boaz, July 17, 1887, in the city of Fort Worth. William Boaz lives now (1948) in Mexico City and has never married. He is well educated and a world traveler.
- David Boaz, Sr., was known to his friends as Tuck. He was a trader and for many years was a cotton buyer on the Fort

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Worth market. He was friendly and genial and had many friends. He was a believer in the future of Fort Worth and was quite a booster of his home city.

4. WILLIAM JESSE BOAZ, 1840-1939

William Jesse Boaz, the fourth child of Samuel and Agnes (Freeman) Boaz, was born in Hickman County, Kentucky, August 26, 1840. He lived and worked on his father's farm until his father moved to Birdville, Texas, in the fall of 1859. By previous arrangements he joined his father's family in Texas in the spring of 1860. He made the journey on horseback with about \$1,800.00 in gold securely hidden in a leather belt which he wore about his waist. This money had been collected from his father's business which had been left to William to close.

In 1862 William J. Boaz enlisted as a private in Captain Dick Kennedy's Company E, 15th Texas Cavalry, under command of Colonel George H. Sweet. This regiment subsequently became part of General Deshler's Brigade and was transferred to the Trans-Mississippi Department in General Hindman's Division. After several skirmishes, one of which was near Batesville, Arkansas, where some of them were killed, the entire brigade was captured at Arkansas Post. On January 1, 1863, the prisoners were shipped by rail and transfer boats to Alton, Illinois, suffering severely from cold. They were thence sent to Camp Douglas, a military prison located on Lake Michigan, near Chicago, arriving at the latter place about the last of January, 1863. On the night of the 16th of March following, William J. Boaz and a comrade from Birdville, William Hayworth, effected their escape by scaling the walls of the prison. After traveling fifteen miles on foot they came to a station on the Illinois Central Railroad where they took passage for the South. They came to the old home of William J. Boaz, near Fulton, Kentucky, where he bought a horse for each of them, giving his note in payment. He received thirty dollars (\$30.00) in gold as a gift from one of his uncles and the two started south to rejoin the army. They were soon captured and robbed and sent to the penitentiary at Alton, Illinois, where they remained for six weeks. They were soon exchanged and joined their old command, which had also been exchanged at Wartrace, Tennessee.

After consolidation William J. Boaz was in Colonel Roger Q. Mills's Regiment, Grandbury's Brigade, Cleburne Division. He was

in the battles of Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold Gap, New Hope Church, Peach Tree Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, and Atlanta, where he received a flesh wound and where Captain McCracken was severely wounded. He was also in the battle of Franklin where Generals Grandbury and Cleburne fell, and the battle of Nashville. It was almost a continuous battle as they retreated to Florence, Alabama. Being a Lieutenant he succeeded Captain McCracken as Captain of the Company, which position he held until the time of his furlough.

Soon after crossing the Tennessee River they were allowed to draw lots for furlough, one out of every five men being entitled to a furlough. He was fortunate in drawing the right to a furlough and immediately started to his father's home in Texas. After a furlough of five weeks he turned his face eastward to join his command. When he arrived at Quitman, Texas, he was informed of Lee's surrender by an officer sent there to inform returning soldiers.

He returned to his father's farm where he worked for one year and then entered a store of general merchandise owned by Mr. Shipley. After some months Mr. Shipley moved his place of business and William J. Boaz and his father and brothers opened a store of the same character at Birdville. They had a capital of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00). Here in June, 1867, he met Mary Bell Anderson, of Selma, Bexar County, Texas. This friendship ripened into a romance and on August 22, 1868, they were happily married and soon moved to Fort Worth to make their home.

W. J. Boaz and J. F. Ellis formed a partnership in the mercantile business which lasted for several years. Being attentive to their business they were reasonably prosperous. The country was recovering from the war.

In 1874 he became the senior member of the firm, "Boaz, Marklee and Company, Private Bankers," and continued in this firm for three years. In 1877 Boaz and Ellis opened a real estate and land office at the corner of Houston and Second Streets. This venture was quite a success. A few years later he entered the banking business, having bought Captain M. B. Lloyd's interest in the California and Texas Bank. For twenty-five years he continued in the banking business and prospered. In 1882 he and Captain Edrington organized the Traders National Bank in which he served as vice-president and George Mulkey, his brother-in-law, as cashier. This firm continued for several years. At a later date he and C. R. Shapard and Luther Boaz, his

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oldest son, organized the American National Bank. In this bank W. J. Boaz served in an official capacity until the time of his death. In all his ventures as a banker he was very successful.

In addition to his banking interests he carried on extensive private loans and investments in city and country property. In order to keep up with his real estate business he built on Boaz Street a real estate office which still stands and is occupied by his sons to carry on the work organized and established by their great father.

William J. Boaz was an outstanding citizen of Fort Worth and interested in everything that promoted the growth and welfare of his city. He was honest, upright in all his dealings, wise in his decisions and aggressive and diligent in business. He was a devout member of the Methodist Church and profoundly interested in all its progress. In the midst of his greatest financial success he was a faithful tither of his funds. He kept a strict account of all his earnings and turned one tenth of his net income into the channels of the Church or some other benevolent enterprise. In some instances he surpassed the tithe and made "offerings to the Lord." He was a great and good man. In all his married life he had the wise counsel of a devoted and faithful wife, who was conservative, economical and broad-minded.

William Jesse Boaz died Dec. 14, 1916, in the city of Fort Worth, leaving a large estate to his widow and children. His wife, Mary Bell (Anderson) Boaz, died in Fort Worth on July 12, 1939. Both are buried in the Eastwood Cemetery at Fort Worth. Their children are:

- (1) Luther Irvine Boaz, born Apr. 7, 1870. He was at an early age elected president of the American National Bank in Fort Worth, and considered one of the brightest young bankers of the city. He lost his health and went to South Texas and died in Houston, Texas, and was buried in Fort Worth, Jan. 16, 1905. Never married.
- (2) Mariola Boaz, born in Fort Worth Apr. 11, 1873; m. Luther Byron Comer on July 12, 1899. She died Mar. 3, 1942. Luther B. Comer died Nov. 3, 1946. They had one son, Everett Boaz Comer, who graduated from the Fort Worth High School in 1923; from the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., 1927, with the B.A. degree; attended the University of Texas Law School, Austin, Texas, 1927-1930; practiced civil law in Fort Worth from 1930 to 1940; reserve officer in the U.S.

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Army from 1927; volunteered for active service in World War II Oct., 1940, as Captain; served in Headquarters Army Service Forces and as a member of War Department General Staff, U.S. Army, Washington, D. C., until Sept., 1946; left the service as a Colonel, General Staff Corps; awarded Legion of Merit and Army Commendation Ribbon. After World War II he returned to Fort Worth, Texas, and resumed the practice of law.

- (3) Samuel Dickenson Boaz was born Nov. 23, 1875. He never married. Died in Fort Worth, Aug. 10, 1936.
- (4) Clement Anderson Boaz was born in Fort Worth, June 21, 1877. He was educated in the public schools of Fort Worth and Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. Before going to Washington and Lee he spent two years in Polytechnic College and two years in Southwestern University. On Sept. 10, 1901, he married Lucilla Stanley Booker, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Edward Booker, of Lexington, Va. She is a well-educated, cultured, and refined woman and an active worker for years in the Methodist Church. To them were born two children, namely:

- a. Mary Isabelle (May Belle) Boaz was born Apr. 26, 1906. She graduated from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., with the degree of B.A. She specialized in piano music, graduating from the Fort Worth Conservatory of Music and later studied piano music for two years in New York City. On Nov. 24, 1937, she married James Franklin Sartain of Greenville, Texas. They have three children, namely:

- (a) James Edward Sartain, b. Feb. 9, 1941.

- (b) John Boaz Sartain, b. Nov. 29, 1942.

- (c) Mary Lucilla Sartain, b. Jan. 25, 1946.

- b. James Edward Boaz was born July 4, 1907; died Mar. 18, 1923.

Clement Anderson Boaz is one of the substantial citizens of the city of Fort Worth. For some years he was manager of the Boaz Estate left by his father and did a most excellent job. He is honest, upright, just and

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intelligent, dealing fairly with all men. He is an active member of the Central Methodist Church.

- (5) Wallace Peel Boaz was born Aug. 16, 1879. He studied two years in Polytechnic College and two years in Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas. He was given a good education and is now (1949) a substantial citizen of the city of Fort Worth and giving his time to looking after his part of the estate inherited from his father. He has not married.
- (6) Ernest Oliver Boaz was born Jan. 5, 1882. He studied two years each in Polytechnic College and Southwestern University. He was given a good education by his father and at the present time is looking well after all his interests in real estate. He is one of the substantial citizens of his city. He has never married.
- (7) Jessie Agnes Boaz was born Apr. 24, 1890. She was educated in the public schools of Fort Worth and at Southwestern University. She studied two years in Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va. On July 17, 1912, she was married to Dr. Charles Clayton Gumm. Dr. Gumm was at that time head of the English Department in Polytechnic College, Fort Worth. He was a highly educated man and a gentleman of the first order. He studied two years in Guerteen, Germany. Resigning his position as head of the English Department, he practiced law in the city of Fort Worth until the time of his death, Sept. 14, 1945. To them were born two children:
 - a. Elizabeth Lucilla Gumm was born Sept. 19, 1913. She was educated in the public schools of Fort Worth and then graduated from the University of Texas with the M.A. degree and with high honors. On Dec. 27, 1939, she married Wiley Lee Housewright. They have no children.
 - b. Charles Clayton Gumm, Jr., was born Dec. 26, 1917. He was educated in the public schools of Fort Worth and the University of Texas, from which he graduated with the degree of B.S. On Sept. 8, 1940, he married Mary Borden of San

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Antonio, Texas. They have three children:

- (a) Charles Clayton III, b. Oct. 8, 1941.
- (b) Gail Borden Gumm, b. July 27, 1946.
- (c) Laurie Sue, b. Nov. 6, 1947.

Charles Clayton Gumm, Jr., is an electrical engineer and is now (1949) engaged in selling electrical equipment of all kinds in the city of Fort Worth, Texas.

5. Richard (Dick) Boaz was born on his father's farm in Hickman County, Ky., Dec. 4, 1843. Died June 15, 1899, in Fort Worth. During 1859 he was brought to Birdville, Texas, with other members of his family. In 1869 he married Lucy Tinsley. To them six children were born, namely:

- (1) Hezekiah Boaz, b. Sept. 6, 1870; d. Mar. 10, 1871.
- (2) Minnie Boaz, b. Sept. 30, 1871; d. Feb. 10, 1943. She married T. D. (Dick) Hovencamp Nov. 13, 1889. Dick Hovencamp was born Feb. 18, 1862; d. Aug. 19, 1916. To them six children were born, viz.:

- a. Ed Hovencamp, b. Oct. 21, 1890; d. Apr. 16, 1948; m. Estelle Grant Sept. 10, 1913. She was born Aug. 27, 1895. To them five children were born, viz.:

- (a) Edward Grant, b. Dec. 2, 1914; m. Jean Wilson in March, 1948. She was born May 21, 1923. No children.
- (b) T. D., b. Jan. 18, 1919; m. Christine Dotson in May, 1946. She was born Sept. 5, 1921. They have no children.
- (c) Louise, b. Jan. 24, 1921; m. Harry Kingsbury May 4, 1936. Harry was born Aug. 9, 1918. They have one child, Robert Edwin, born May 24, 1941.

- (d) Marvin J., b. Feb. 22, 1924. Unmarried.

- (e) Mamie, b. Oct. 13, 1928. Unmarried.

- b. Lucy Hovencamp, b. May 13, 1892; d. Nov. 4, 1896.

- c. Harvey G. Hovencamp, b. Oct. 13, 1894; d. 1899.

- d. Lavinia Hovencamp, b. Aug. 1, 1896; m. John L. Brooks, Jan. 23, 1918. To them three children were born, viz.:

- (a) Helen Ruth, b. Apr. 28, 1920; m. David H.

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Smith, Apr. 23, 1948. David Smith was born May 14, 1921. No children.

(b) Boaz Brooks, b. Sept. 12, 1923; m. Jean Hurley, Aug. 3, 1946. Jean Hurley was born 1927. She was killed in an auto-train accident, Mar. 16, 1947.

(c) Patsy Ann, b. July 8, 1934.

e. Arthur Tinsley Hovencamp, b. Dec. 20, 1899; m. Elsie McElroy, July 20, 1919. Elsie was born Aug. 12, 1904. No children.

f. Mary Ellen Hovencamp, b. Nov. 25, 1903; m. George Iles, Dec. 24, 1935. George Iles was born Aug. 31, 1902. They have no children.

(3) Mack Boaz was born Nov. 3, 1873; died Jan. 12, 1888.

(4) Alta Boaz was born Sept. 3, 1875. On June 4, 1893, she married John G. Bewley, who died July 4, 1924. Alta (Boaz) Bewley is a charter member of the Birdville Church of Christ.

(5) Mary Boaz was born Feb. 5, 1877. On Dec. 23, 1894, she married Charles Jerome Melbourne. To this union two children were born, viz.:

a. Richard Neal, b. Oct. 7, 1895; m. Pearl Bewley, Sept., 1922. To them two children were born, viz.:

(a) Richard Neal, Jr., b. Oct. 10, 1931.

(b) Billie Charles, b. Mar. 5, 1942.

b. Faye Belle, b. Jan. 24, 1909; m. Elmer Nelson James, Nov. 5, 1939. No children.

(6) Lucy Ellen Boaz, the last child born to Richard and Lucy (Tinsley) Boaz, was born Feb. 21, 1879; died Aug. 17, 1879.

Lucy Tinsley Boaz died during the year 1879. After her death Richard Boaz married Bena Samuels, 1882. To this union four children were born, viz.:

(1) Fleming G. Boaz, b. Oct. 30, 1882; d. July 22, 1940. Never married.

(2) Annie Boaz, b. May 23, 1884; d. Jan. 10, 1937. She married George Bell Dec. 29, 1902. To them three girls were born, viz.:

a. Alta, b. about 1906; d. at age of six.

b. Haynie, b. Feb. 12, 1908; m. Paul K. Lloyd, Oct.

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12, 1940. To them one daughter was born, viz.:

(a) Anne Paittee, b. Dec. 12, 1941.

c. Margaret, b. Sept. 12, 1913; m. Chester Chenault, June 10, 1937. To them two children were born, viz.:

(a) June, b. Aug. 21, 1942.

(b) Jane, b. Sept. 15, 1945.

(3) Juliet Boaz, b. Sept. 11, 1889. She married Jim Vittitow, May 12, 1907. To them one son was born, viz.:

a. "R. C.," b. Dec. 12, 1909; m. Patsy Barnett of California, June 17, 1925. No children.

Jim Vittitow died in 1913. Later Juliet married Jack Angle, Mar. 17, 1915. To them four children were born, viz.:

a. Juliet Lavinia, b. Mar. 23, 1917; m. Raymond E. Norman, June 3, 1939. To them two children were born, viz.:

(a) Judy Ray, b. June 27, 1940.

(b) Rex Gordon, b. Apr. 8, 1942.

b. Hanie Louise, b. Mar. 31, 1919; m. Edward Clifton Harrison, Oct. 13, 1938. To them two children were born, viz.:

(a) Joy Dee, b. Feb. 21, 1946.

(b) Linda Lee, b. Apr. 25, 1947.

c. Bettie Sue, b. Sept. 1, 1922; m. Clyde Fincher, Apr. 2, 1947. No children.

d. Jack, Jr., b. July 9, 1927. Unmarried.

(4) Richard Cleveland Boaz, the last son of Richard and Bena (Samuels) Boaz, was born Sept. 23, 1892. On Dec. 21, 1912, he married Nannie Reeves. To them six children were born:

a. William Jesse, b. May 27, 1914; m. Nina Case Feb. 5, 1939. To this union three girls were born, viz.:

(a) Nancy, b. Jan. 9, 1943.

(b) Peggy, b. Oct. 14, 1945.

(c) Judy, b. Apr. 25, 1948.

b. Richard Reeves, b. Jan. 12, 1916; m. Ruth Anderson, Aug. 27, 1938. One child:

(a) Jimmie Richard, b. Nov. 12, 1939.

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c. Nora Lee, b. Oct. 3, 1919; m. T. J. Elkins, May 1, 1943. One child:

(a) David Dean Elkins, b. Nov. 21, 1946.

d. Wilson Osborn, b. Dec. 25, 1923; m. Hazel Hampton, Dec. 25, 1944.

e. Robert Don, b. July 19, 1932.

f. Dale, b. Apr. 6, 1938.

6. Sallie Boaz was born Apr. 22, 1845; died June 17, 1925. On Oct. 25, 1863, she married J. Frank Elliston. To them were born five children, namely:

(1) Hugh T. Elliston, b. May 22, 1866; d. Nov. 25, 1929; m. Maggie Potts, Nov. 18, 1896. To them four children were born, viz.:

a. Fred, b. Sept. 3, 1904; m. Lula Hannah Duff, May 21, 1932. One daughter:

(a) Lura Duff, b. July 20, 1933.

b. Earl Elliston, b. Jan. 19, 1907; m. Zelma Veal, Feb. 19, 1932. They have one son:

(a) Earl Hugh, b. Aug. 31, 1937.

c. Virginia Lee, b. Feb. 12, 1909; m. James Rowland Cox, June, 1932. She died Aug. 20, 1933.

d. Mary Elizabeth, b. July 18, 1911; m. David Wynne Stephens, Apr. 4, 1942. They have two children, viz.:

(a) Paula Wynne, b. July 5, 1943.

(b) Joanne Elizabeth, b. Aug. 6, 1946.

(2) Tennie Elliston, b. Jan. 2, 1868; m. Ed. Hovencamp, Apr. 10, 1887. To them five children were born:

a. Bena, b. Jan. 30, 1888; m. Eugene Hoskins, Dec. 23, 1906. Two sons, viz.:

(a) Edward Eugene, b. Aug. 24, 1908, who has one son, Allen E., who was born Nov. 17, 1931.

(b) Boaz, b. Mar. 4, 1914, who has one daughter, Elsie Gay, b. Sept. 3, 1943.

b. Belle, b. Dec. 20, 1899; m. R. E. Hutchison, Mar. 15, 1915. They have one son:

(a) R. E. Hutchison, Jr., b. Apr. 4, 1918.

c. Elizabeth (Bessie), b. Oct. 1, 1892; m. C. M. Ogden, June 30, 1921. They have two children:

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- (a) George Chester, b. Sept. 10, 1924.
- (b) Bettie Muir, b. Oct. 9, 1927.
- d. Ethel, b. Aug. 16, 1894; m. Joe Bratcher, Feb. 14, 1927. They have one son:
 - (a) Joe, Jr., b. Aug. 23, 1933.
- e. Edward, b. Mar. 26, 1897; d. Jan., 1899.
- (3) Alice Elliston, b. Mar. 12, 1871; m. Dr. Oluf F. Carlson, Sept. 20, 1898; d. Jan. 20, 1927. They have two children:
 - a. Oluf G., b. Nov. 18, 1905, who married Elizabeth Newsom, Oct. 25, 1930. No children.
 - b. Dagmar, b. Oct. 11, 1900; m. Eugene S. Leggett, 1924. They have one son:
 - (a) Eugene, Jr., b. Aug. 28, 1925.
- (4) Addison, b. Mar. 16, 1873; d. Jan. 18, 1896. Never married.
- (5) Sam, b. Oct. 27, 1876; m. Lula Thompson, Feb. 26, 1908. They have three children:
 - a. Burness Elliston, b. Oct. 11, 1900, by a former marriage. She married Joe Wilson, 1916.
 - b. Jack Elliston (adopted), b. Jan. 22, 1903; m. Marjorie Murrell, July 24, 1923. They have one son:
 - (a) Jack O. Elliston, b. Mar. 17, 1924.
 - c. Sam H. Elliston, Jr., b. Sept. 3, 1910; m. Louise Hunter, 1936. They have three children:
 - (a) Patricia Lou, b. Mar. 6, 1939.
 - (b) Sam H. Elliston III, b. May 4, 1942.
 - (c) Kenneth Boaz, b. Feb. 13, 1948.
- 7. Robert Leonidas (Bud) Boaz was born Oct. 12, 1855; died Feb. 9, 1912. He married Lou Lavender, Oct. 23, 1879. She died Dec. 10, 1900. To them four children were born:
 - (1) Robert A. Boaz, b. Dec. 9, 1880; d. Nov. 20, 1933; m. Georgia Ella Allen, May 18, 1901. They had one son:
 - a. W. J. Boaz, b. Aug. 15, 1907. He married Ann Frances Peterson, Jan. 9, 1938. They have two sons, namely:
 - (a) William Jesse, Jr., b. Sept. 13, 1938.
 - (b) Robert Allen, b. Apr. 18, 1942.
 - (2) Willis L. Boaz, b. Nov. 25, 1883; m. Myrtle Lee

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Hurst, Sept., 1915, who died Nov. 21, 1921. They had one son, viz.:

- a. Willis L., Jr., b. Nov. 16, 1921. Unmarried.
- (3) Grover Cleveland, b. July 3, 1885; d. Apr. 9, 1889.
- (4) Obadiah, b. Feb. 14, 1895; m. Freddie Hughes, 1916.

They had one son:

- a. Jack, b. 1919. Killed in World War II.

V. JOSHUA BOAZ, 1810-1890

Joshua Boaz, the fifth son of Rev. Thomas and Lucinda (Davis) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, May 18, 1810. When he was six years old his father and family immigrated to Middle Tennessee and settled on a grant of land (supposed to have been given to his father, Shadrach Boaz, for service in the War of the Revolution) sixteen miles southeast from Nashville. Joshua grew to manhood on his father's plantation and was given a good education in the schools of the county and in Nashville.

In 1828 he married Polly Whitis, sister of Lucinda Whitis, who had married David Boaz the year preceding. Nine years later Joshua and David Boaz with their families moved to what was then known as "Jackson's Purchase" in Kentucky and settled in Graves County, Kentucky. That portion of the state was then a frontier country having been recently opened for settlement, the government having purchased it from the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, Andrew Jackson having served as commissioner in the transaction. They entered adjoining sections of land. They traveled by wagon to Nashville, thence by boat down the Cumberland River to the Ohio and by the Ohio to Paducah and then out fourteen miles to the place of settlement. Many others came about the same time and settled in this new and promising country.

Farms were cleared and soon became fields of waving grain, corn, oats, and tobacco. Graves County became famous for its fine tobacco and produced more of this crop than any other county in the state. Joshua Boaz became wealthy for that day and was the owner of many slaves. Some of them he inherited from his father and their number was increased. He was known far and wide as a man of wealth and exemplary character.

When the Illinois Central Railroad, then known as the Newport News and the Mississippi Valley Railroad, came through Graves County it passed through a part of the land owned by Joshua Boaz

and the station was given his name. At this station he established a general merchandising store and a flour mill. He also bought, prized, and sold tobacco and was very prosperous in business.

In the early years Joshua and David Boaz established the Boaz School District which became one of the leading schools of the county. Joshua Boaz donated the land for the first school and when it was decided to move the location of the school David donated the land for the new school. Many of their descendants have attended this school and some of them have been its teachers. They believed in the advantages of a good education. Joshua Boaz was a progressive farmer and a successful businessman and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. His home was known for its hospitality, ministers and laymen being welcomed at all times.

Joshua Boaz, being the son of a Primitive Baptist minister, naturally joined the Church and became one of its most useful members and served for years as an official of his Church. He contributed liberally to its support and was influential in establishing the Mount Pleasant Church where some very able ministers have served as pastors. He was a firm believer in the doctrine of predestination. Some time before his death in 1890 he ordered placed on his tombstone the following words: "Believing God the Father unconditionally elected the Saints to eternal life, the Son redeemed the chosen with his blood, and the Holy Spirit quickens them without the aid, or instrumentality of any human means. God will raise them at last, to eternal glory without the loss of one." This inscription on his tombstone speaks for itself.

Dame Fortune, or Providence, as most of us say, sometimes plays strange tricks with certain individuals. She worked wonders in the life of this country boy, Joshua Boaz. He was born in Virginia but when a child was carried by his parents to Davidson County, Tennessee, where he grew to manhood on his father's farm and married a Tennessee girl. Having the blood of the pioneer in his veins, he and his young wife along with a brother, David Boaz, and his wife left Tennessee for the newly opened frontiers of Kentucky, known then as the "Jackson Purchase." Land was cheap and young Joshua had visions of better prices in the future. He bought many acres of this virgin land and soon became one of the richest men of Graves County. Fortune smiled on the newcomer and all went well for a time. Perhaps he assumed too many financial obligations, for soon the wheel of fortune turned and he lost much of his wealth. His

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friends advised him to take advantage of the bankrupt law and settle for ten cents on the dollar. To this plea he gave an emphatic no, for he was an honest man.

He went to Paducah and laid his situation before the leading banker of that city. The bankers had such implicit confidence in the integrity and ability of Joshua Boaz that they furnished him with the necessary funds to make new ventures, which he then had in mind. These ventures proved successful and again he became one of the wealthiest men of his county. When the Civil War broke upon the country he was paying more taxes than any other man in Graves County. It is said that his largest stock barn had more than two hundred stalls for horses and cattle and that he owned at one time more than two hundred slaves. All this happened between 1840 and 1861. His wealth was greatly reduced by the Civil War and the freedom of his slaves, yet to the day of his death he was one of the rich men of Graves County.

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS AND AGNES BOAZ 1723-1919

THOMAS BOAZ was born in Scotland about 1723. He became a "Scotch Presbyterian Dissenter." Meeting religious persecutions, he immigrated to Ireland where he soon met and married an Irish lassie. About 1748 they came to America in search of religious and political freedom and settled in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. To them twelve children were born:

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|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Thomas, 1743 | James, 1749 | Gemima, m. Jennings |
| Archibald, 1744 | Shadrach, 1751 | Polly, m. Brooks |
| Edmond, 1745 | Meshach, 1752 | Agnes, m. Still |
| Daniel, 1746 | Abednego, 1754 | Nellie, m. Connor |

Following the line of Shadrach Boaz, we find that he married Isabel Rutherford (born 1761) about 1777. To them ten children were born:

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|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| William, 1778 | Phoebe, 1785 | Elenor, 1792 |
| Thomas, 1780 | Rosana, 1786 | Lydia, 1795 |
| Nancie, 1782 | David R., 1790 | Rebecca, 1797 |
| | | Polly, 1800 |

Following the line of Thomas Boaz, 1780, we find that he married

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Lucinda Davis on August 27, 1804. From the records of the Strawberry Primitive Baptist Church in Pittsylvania County we find that he was licensed to preach by that Church during August, 1806, and ordained to preach on August 7, 1808. To him and his wife the following children were born:

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|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Shadrach, 1804 | <i>Joshua</i> , 1810 | Sallie D., 1808 |
| William, 1805 | Elihu, 1811 | Lucinda, 1817 |
| David, 1806 | Lydia R., 1814 | Annie L., 1820 |
| Nancie R., 1813 | Thomas, 1815 | Polly J., 1821 |
| Samuel, 1809 | Josiah, 1818 | |

Following the line of Joshua Boaz, 1810, we find that he married Polly Whitis and to them ten children were born, namely:

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|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Calvin</i> , 1829 | Nancie J., 1841 | James, 1847 |
| William N., 1833 | David, 1843 | Shadrach, 1850 |
| Thomas F., 1839 | Joshua, 1845 | Rufus K., 1852 |
| | | Elihu, 1855 |

Following the line of Calvin Boaz, 1829-1889, we find that he married Sarah Ann Rheu, by whom he had four children, namely:

Mary J., Virginia, William Thomas, and George Washington

After the birth of her last child, George Washington Boaz, Sarah Ann (Rheu) Boaz died. In due time Calvin Boaz married Wilmouth Bowers, born November 29, 1836. To them four children were born, as follows:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Emma, 1860 | Robert, July 7, 1867 |
| Egbert, Oct. 16, 1863 | Fannie, Nov 27, 1871 |

I. CALVIN BOAZ, 1832-1889

Calvin Boaz, the oldest son of Joshua and Polly (Whitis) Boaz, was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, about 1832. In 1837 his father and family moved to Graves County, Kentucky, where Calvin grew to manhood on his father's farm. He was given what was considered a good education in that day. At the time of his marriage Calvin Boaz was given a good farm by his father, the farm adjoining that of his father. On this farm Calvin Boaz and his family lived

until 1871, at which time the blood of the pioneer asserted itself and he sold his farm and other property and moved to Texas.

In two covered wagons he and his family made the trip by way of Hickman, Kentucky, where they crossed the Mississippi River; thence down the river, touching Missouri, Arkansas, and Indian Territory, and on to Texas, crossing the Red River at Mill Creek ferry and on to Honey Grove, where they settled for a time. During the nine weeks of that trip they stopped occasionally to let the teams rest. At such times they worked on neighboring farms along the way to help pay expenses of the trip. Like his father Calvin Boaz was a thrifty and prosperous farmer. He loved the land he cultivated and enjoyed the close touch with nature. After a short time in Honey Grove he and his family moved to Lamar County, where they made their permanent home. He died in 1889.

(1) Mary J. Boaz, the oldest daughter of Calvin and Sarah Ann (Rheu) Boaz, was born in Graves County, Ky., June 20, 1854. She was twice married; first, to Leonard Snowden, by whom she had one son:

a. Jesse Leonard Snowden, b. in Paris, Texas, Feb. 27, 1876. He married Maudie Lee Long in 1898.

They have four children:

(a) Arzena Snowden, who married E. O. Lutz. They live in the city of Fort Worth, Texas (1949).

(b) Louise Snowden, who married _____ Russell. They live in Texarkana, Ark.

(c) Marie Snowden, who married _____ Goodson. They live in Garden City, Ark.

(d) J. L. Snowden, Jr., now of Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Maudie (Long) Snowden passed to the other world in 1943.

After the death of her first husband, Leonard Snowden, Mary J. (Boaz) Snowden married John Ballard, by whom she had two children:

a. George Ballard. Lives now (1949) on Tudor St., Paris.

b. Arlin Ballard. Deceased.

(2) Virginia Boaz was born in Graves County, Ky., July 21, 1855. She died early in life and without issue.

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- (3) William Thomas Boaz was born in Graves County, Ky., Feb. 4, 1857. He died in Paris, Texas, Jan. 6, 1930. He married Parlie Vinson in 1878. To this union were born eleven children:

a. Dovie Boaz, b. Oct. 9, 1879; m. W. M. Carlock on Jan. 20, 1901. To this union six children were born:

(a) Ethel Carlock, b. June 1, 1902; d. Aug. 19, 1903.

(b) Bertha Carlock, b. Dec. 12, 1903; m. Claude Page, May 3, 1947. He is now (1949) an employee of the Lamar Business School, Paris, Texas.

(c) Estel Carlock, b. Apr. 7, 1907; d. May 24, 1908.

(d) Ruby Carlock, b. Jan. 22, 1910; m. Bert Pace on Aug. 12, 1944, an employee of the North Star Packing Co. of Paris, Texas. They have one child, Billy Wilson Pace.

(e) Viola Carlock, b. Mar. 13, 1913; m. Earl Williams, Oct. 16, 1942, line superintendent of the Stovall Construction Co. No children.

(f) Milburn Carlock, b. Mar. 6, 1916; m. Christine Caldwell, Feb. 7, 1937. He is the owner of the Carlock Grocery and Market in Paris, Texas. They have one child, Jeffrey Lynn Carlock, b. Nov. 26, 1946.

b. Evie Boaz, b. _____; m. N. Upchurch. To them were born four children:

(a) _____.

(b) _____.

(c) _____.

(d) _____.

c. May Boaz, b. Mar. 8, 1884; m. Clark Wright, 1904. To them two children were born:

(a) Brodie Wright, b. 1907.

(b) Rufus Wright, b. 1910.

After the death of Clark Wright his widow married J. A. Ainsworth, 1912. Their children are:

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(c) Edgar Ainsworth, b. 1914.

(d) Minnie Ainsworth, b. 1916.

(e) Earline Ainsworth, b. 1926.

They lived on their farm until 1947 at which time they sold their farm and bought a home at 922 East Bowie St., Mexia, Texas, where they now (1949) live.

d. Annie Boaz, b. _____; m. George Mahan. Deceased. They had two children:

(a) Lela Mahan, b. Sept. 13, 1909; m. Bud Latham. Children: G. W. Latham, Jo Evelyn, and Billy Wayne Latham.

(b) Cleahern Mahan, b. July 30, 1911; m. Stella Tribble. Children: Robert and Loyde Mahan.

e. Willie Boaz, b. May 12, 1889; m. Hugh Garrett, Dec. 13, 1907. They have four children, all graduates from high school:

(a) Edna Corine Garrett, b. Mar. 15, 1909; m. Ray Bridger, Jan. 7, 1930. He is employed with the A. & P. Co. in Detroit, Mich. They have a son, Donald Bridger.

(b) Evelyn Garrett, b. Oct. 27, 1913; m. Mabley Lee Gary, a bookkeeper for the Ford Motor Co. at Doniphan, Mo. They have one child: Linda Lee Gary, two years old now, 1949.

(c) Bertie Garrett, b. July 26, 1920. Married Lieut. Frank Kurkowski, Jan. 22, 1949. They have their home in Detroit, Mich.

(d) J. W. Garrett, b. Aug. 26, 1923; d. Aug. 23, 1941.

Willie (Boaz) Garrett has been a member of the Methodist Church for the past forty-five years and has her home in Detroit, Mich. Her husband, Hugh Garrett, died during 1943.

f. Beulah Boaz, b. 1891; m. M. Barnes. They had one child, Myrtle Barnes, who died as an infant. She is now (1949) Mrs. Beulah B. Holding.

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g. Avis Boaz, b. 1893; m. J. Ricks. They have four children:

- (a) Leroy Ricks, b. June 2, 1918. A salesman for Paris Grocery Company.
- (b) Dean Ricks, b. June 27, 1920. A salesman for an ice company in Paris, Texas.
- (c) Inez Ricks, b. June 5, 1924. A supervisor of S. W. Telephone Co., Paris, Texas.
- (d) Joy Ricks, b. Jan. 5, 1929. Works for A. C. Smith Typing Co. in Dallas, Texas.

Oscar, Wilburn, Garland, and Rachel all died in infancy.

- (4) George Washington Boaz, the fourth child of Calvin and Sarah Ann (Rheu) Boaz, was born in Graves County, Ky., Nov. 3, 1858. He passed to the other world from Maxey, Texas, Aug. 6, 1943. When a lad of thirteen he was brought by his parents to Lamar County, Texas. At an early age he left home to make his own way in the world. For some time he made his home with a cousin, Mrs. William Scruggs, and her husband, who for his work on their farm promised him an education which he did not receive.

On Mar. 8, 1888, he married Sarah Texana Garner of Lamar County, Texas. He was industrious and thrifty and soon paid for a good farm on which he reared his family. While not an educated man he fully appreciated education and was among the first to advocate a higher tax rate in order to secure the best teachers possible. He was reared in the faith of the Primitive Baptist people, his father being a minister of that Church. Although he never joined the Baptist Church he believed in its doctrines as many of his kinspeople did. He failed to return to Graves County where he was born yet he remembered vividly the "old swimming hole" and the split log benches on which he sat while a pupil in the small school of his childhood. He remembered the zigzag rail fence behind which he hid while the Federal soldiers passed during the Civil War. He was a devoted husband and father and loved the good earth from which he coaxed his support. He was

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a good citizen and interested in everything that promoted the best welfare of his community. To him and his wife six children were born, all of them born in Lamar County.

a. Eva Elizabeth Boaz was born Dec. 3, 1888. She is a graduate from the Paris High School and the North Texas State Teachers College, Denton. She has taught for many years in Lamar County schools.

b. Milburn Elihu Boaz was born Aug. 24, 1891. He attended the Paris High School and is a graduate from the Paris Commercial College. He is a successful farmer and stockman. On May 14, 1916, he married Louise Jack. They have one daughter:

(a) Kathrine Lucile Boaz was born May 13, 1917. She is a graduate from the Paris High School, the Paris Junior College and holds a B.S. degree from the East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce. After teaching for some years in Lamar and Fannin counties she married Marion Neisler, a veteran of World War II. They have two children, namely:

Audie Marion Neisler, b. Apr. 22, 1947.

Stella Louise Neisler, b. Apr. 17, 1948.

c. Sallie Mae Boaz was born Dec. 17, 1892. She attended the Paris High School and North Texas State Teachers College, Denton. Taught for several years in Lamar County schools. On Mar. 22, 1918, she married Raleigh E. Brecheen, a veteran of World War I. He attended North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, and East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce and has been principal of Fourth Ward School in Paris since 1926. They have one daughter:

(a) Helen Marie Brecheen, b. Jan. 29, 1923. She is a graduate from the Paris High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society; a graduate from the Paris Junior College and holds a B.S.

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degree from the East Texas State Teachers College, where she was a member of the Alpha Chi, National Honorary Fraternity. She married Charles William Taubert, Jr., a veteran of World War II. They have one child: Charles William Taubert III, b. Jan. 7, 1947.

d. Myrtle Boaz was born Aug. 25, 1894. She attended public school at Maxey, Texas. On Jan. 8, 1925, she was married to Wilson E. Brown, a veteran of World War I and a farmer. They have two children, namely:

(a) James Edward Brown, b. Oct. 23, 1929. He is a graduate from the Sumner High School and is now (1949) with the U.S. Navy and stationed at Guam.

(b) Virginia Elaine Brown, b. July 31, 1933. She is now (1949) a junior student in Central High School at Sumner, Texas, and an outstanding student in the girls' 4-H Club work and is the Gold Star Girl of Lamar County for 1948.

e. Lena Boaz was born July 11, 1896. She attended the North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, Texas, and for several years was a teacher of primary work in Lamar County schools. On Aug. 22, 1929, she was married to J. M. Braswell, a prominent lawyer and County Judge of Lamar County. They have one daughter:

(a) Mary Elizabeth Braswell, b. Nov. 15, 1930. She is a 1948 graduate of the Paris High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society and one of the high ten of her class at graduation. She is now (1949) a freshman in the Paris Junior College and a member of the Phi Theta Kappa, National Honorary Fraternity of Junior Colleges.

f. James Gilbert Boaz was born July 24, 1898. He attended the public schools at Maxey, Texas. He

is a successful farmer and one of the leading poultrymen of Lamar County. On Apr. 2, 1924, he married Johnnie Lee Pollard, a teacher in the public schools of Lamar County. She died on July 30, 1929. They had no children. On Jan. 9, 1932, James Gilbert Boaz married Geraldine Hopper, a graduate from the high school of Hutchins, Dallas County, Texas. They have no children.

Mrs. George Washington Boaz was a devoted member of the Church of Christ and all her children became members of that Church. Two of her daughters-in-law, three of her grandchildren, and other members of her family were members of the same Church. This is quite a tribute to her faith and practice and she is to be commended for her zeal and devotion. Judge J. M. Braswell is one of the few members of that family who is a Methodist in belief, being an active member of the First Methodist Church in Paris.

- (5) Emma Boaz, the first child of Calvin and Wilmouth (Bowers) Boaz, was born in Graves County, Ky., Mar. 8, 1860. In 1871 she was brought by her parents to Lamar County, Texas. In due time she was married to Young G. Cooper, who was born in 1853; died Oct. 1, 1918. He was a prosperous farmer of Lamar County. Emma (Boaz) Cooper lived until 1947. Both of them were active members of the Missionary Baptist Church and lived to see all their children become Christians, belonging to the Church of their parents. To them thirteen children were born, all in Lamar County:

a. William Steve Cooper, b. Nov. 29, 1880; m. Ethel Gunter. He is now (1949) a retired farmer and stockman. To them four children were born:

(a) Lester Cooper, m. Syble Burleson. They had one son, Clinton Cooper. After the death of his first wife he married Carrena Parsons.

(b) Syble Cooper, who married Lester Wilson, a farmer and stockman. Before marriage she was a teacher.

(c) Clice Cooper, who for a time was a teacher

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and later married Vera Dodd, a teacher.

(d) Joy Cooper, who died at sixteen years of age.

b. James Y. Cooper, b. June 13, 1883. He is now (1949) a merchant at Unger, Okla. Married Nettie Bear, who soon died. Then married Madge Philley, who also died. He then married Pearl Krause. No children.

c. John Hunter Cooper, b. Dec. 6, 1885. He is a stockman. He married Minnie Kennedy. They have five children:

(a) Viola Cooper, who graduated from East Texas State Teachers College with a B.S. degree and is a teacher at Monahan, Texas. Married Lewis Holman.

(b) Vesta Cooper, who graduated from S. W. State Teachers College with a B.S. degree. Married Lonnie Lynn. They have one child, Lonnie Beth.

(c) Edith Cooper, who taught for a time and married E. C. Simmons. They have three children.

(d) Ray Cooper, who married Thelma Montgomery. He is now (1949) working in Dallas. They have no children.

(e) Doris Cooper, who graduated from the E. T. State Teachers College. Married Ramon McAnally. They live in Sudan, Texas.

d. Nora Cooper, b. Apr. 1, 1888; m. James Nutt, who is now (1949) deceased. He was a farmer in Lamar County. To them were born six children, three of them dying early in life. The others are:

(a) Lorene Nutt who taught for a time and then married Clifford Casey. They live in Kermit, Texas. They have one son, Pat Casey.

(b) Vivian Nutt attended Paris Junior College. Married James Roberts. They live in Ker

- mit, Texas. They have one son, Larry Roberts.
- (c) Doyle Nutt married Hazel Shockley. They live at Kermit, Texas. They have one daughter, Maroalynne.
- e. Thomas Edward Cooper, b. Jan. 15, 1891. He is a farmer. Married Nellie Chappel. They have seven children:
- (a) Glen Cooper, m. Lena Hildreth, Kermit, Texas.
 - (b) Emma Kate Cooper, m. Lewell Dickens. They have two children. Living in Dallas, Texas.
 - (c) Garris O. Cooper, an electrician, m. Lou Tate. They have two girls. Huntsville is home.
 - (d) Eddie C. Cooper. Living in Dallas, Texas.
 - (e) Lawton Cooper. Living in Dallas, Texas.
 - (f) Malcolm Cooper, a farmer.
 - (g) Norma Gene Cooper. Living with her parents.
- f. Eva Cooper, b. Dec. 8, 1894; m. Fate Corbell, Dec. 9, 1917. He was a stock farmer. Died Jan. 13, 1921. They had one child, Weldon Tate Corbell. After the death of her husband Eva Corbell taught school for nine years. She then married Luther Smith, a farmer.
- (a) Weldon Corbell graduated from E.T.S.T. College with the degree of B.S. in 1947. On Oct. 6, 1945, he married Jean Bales. He is now (1949) teaching vocational agriculture in Brownsboro, Texas. They have one child, Charlotte Corbell, b. May 21, 1948.
- g. Ellie Cooper, b. Sept. 15, 1897; m. J. A. McDaniel, farmer and stockman. They have four boys:
- (a) James Y. McDaniel. Spent two years in the U.S. Navy. Now attending Henderson County Junior College.
 - (b) Billy Gene died at the age of three.

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- (c) Bobby Joe McDaniel. Senior in Chicota H. S.
- (d) Lynn Boyce McDaniel. Junior in Chicota H. S.
- h. Acie Cooper, b. June 19, 1900; m. Vee Smith. They live in Plano, Texas. He works in Dallas. They have four children:
 - (a) Ladell Cooper, who is a graduate nurse; m. Robert Baker, who is with the Texas Highway Department.
 - (b) Y. G. Cooper, who married _____. They live now (1949) in California.
 - (c) Floyd Ellis Cooper, now lives in Plano, Texas.
 - (d) Wanda Lee Cooper, who is in the Plano High School.
- i. Theodore Cooper, b. Jan. 15, 1903; m. Claudine Brannan. He is a farmer and stockman. They have one son, Bryan Cooper, who finished high school and spent two years in the U.S. Navy and now lives in Kermit, Texas.

The other four children of Young G. and Emma (Boaz) Cooper died in infancy.

- (6) Egbert, the second child of Calvin and Wilmouth Boaz, was born in Paducah, Ky., Oct. 16, 1863; m. Sarah Ann Biggs in 1885. They had five children:

- a. Andrew J. Boaz, known as "Dollie"; m. Etta Birdsong. To them three children were born:

- (a) Andrew Edward Boaz, b. June 13, 1913; m. Alma Lee Robinson. They have two children:

George Edward Boaz, b. Oct. 31, 1942.

Carolyn Ethel Boaz, b. Oct. 9, 1946.

- (b) Clifton Felix Boaz, b. Feb. 8, 1916; m. Jimmie George Vinson. They have three children:

Goldie Jean Boaz, b. Oct. 15, 1943.

Clifton Harry Boaz, b. May 19, 1947.

Judy Ann Boaz, b. Feb. 26, 1949.

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- (c) Milburn Bascom Boaz, b. July 31, 1918.
Unmarried.
 - b. George Boaz, who died unmarried.
 - c. Emma Boaz, b. _____, 1891; m. John Britt. They have three children:
 - (a) Gertrude Britt, b. _____.
 - (b) John Britt, b. _____.
 - (c) Elberta Britt, b. _____.
 - d. Lillian Boaz, b. Oct. 23, 1893; m. George Treadway. They had ten children, namely:
 - (a) Reuben, b. Nov. 19, 1908.
 - (b) Willie, b. Nov. 8, 1911.
 - (c) Woodrow, b. Feb. 6, 1915.
 - (d) Horace, b. July 23, 1918.
 - (e) Joe D., b. Aug. 3, 1921.
 - (f) Harvie, b. July 2, 1923; dead.
 - (g) Jewell, b. June 4, 1924.
 - (h) Robert Odell, b. June 18, 1926.
 - (i) Monell, b. Oct. 9, 1928.
 - (j) Jimmie Joe, b. Mar. 26, 1932.
 - e. Nannie Boaz, b. _____, 1895; m. Buck Ragsdale.
Died one month after marriage.
- (7) Robert Boaz, the third child of Calvin and Wilmouth Boaz, was born in Paducah, Ky., July 7, 1867, and brought as a child to Texas in 1871. He married Fannie Gunter. Their children are:
- a. Rufus Boaz, b. _____, 1893; m. Rosa Farmer.
Their children are:
 - (a) Opal Boaz.
 - (b) Clinton Boaz.
 - (c) Eulah Mae Boaz.
 - (d) Doris Boaz.
 - (e) Rubie Boaz.
 - b. Lee Boaz, b. June 26, 1900; m. Lottie Simms.
Their children are:
 - (a) Leonard Boaz.
 - (b) Bernice Boaz.
 - (c) Francis Boaz.
 - (d) Freddie Mae Boaz.
 - (e) Winfred Boaz.

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(f) Shirley Boaz.

c. Luther Boaz, who died at the age of seven.

d. Archie Boaz, who died at the age of three.

e. Minnie Boaz, who married W. K. Wadley. They live now (1949) in Hugo, Okla. They have no children.

f. Maudie Boaz, who married B. C. Powell. Their children are:

(a) Robert Powell.

(b) Katy Mae Powell.

(c) Bessie Powell.

(d) Jene Powell.

g. Bessie Boaz, who died at the age of three.

h. Myrtle Boaz, who married _____ Henson of Dallas, Texas.

i. Pauline Boaz, who married A. D. Oakes of Paris, Texas.

j. Bennie Boaz, who married Dorothy Barnett.

(8) Fannie Boaz, the last child of Calvin Boaz, was born Nov. 27, 1871. She married J. A. Husk. They had one child, Willie Mae Husk, who married Charles Burton. She died in 1941 and he later married Ruby Lofton. They had five children, namely: Nannie Carrol, Eva Lilian, Judy, George, and Penelope Ann Burton. They live at this time (1949) in Texarkana, Ark.

2. WILLIAM N. BOAZ, 1833-1898

William (Witt) Boaz, the second son of Joshua and Polly (Whitis) Boaz, was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, 1833. When he was six years old his father and family immigrated to Kentucky and entered land in Graves County. He was given a good education in the public schools of the county and at a college at Clinton, Kentucky. He made teaching his chosen work for life, though his father gave him a good mercantile business in Mayfield. He soon disposed of this business and devoted his time to teaching. He became one of the most popular teachers of his county.

He married Bertha Holland, of Tennessee. They had no children. About the time of his marriage his father gave him a well-developed farm, including a beautiful home, which was located some miles

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west of Symsonia, Kentucky. Here he and his wife spent many happy years.

In later life William sold his farm and moved to Martin, Tennessee. Here he was soon elected a magistrate and served with distinction until he was elected mayor of his town, which position he held until the time of his death in 1898. His widow survived him a few years. Both of their bodies lie buried in the cemetery at Martin.

William Boaz, or Witt as he was usually called, was one of the wittiest men in Graves County, Kentucky. He never made an enemy, but his friends were countless. He was magistrate in North Graves County for many years before he moved to Martin, Tennessee. He served in the Civil War on the side of the South, in the same company with his brother, Thomas Francis.

3. THOMAS FRANCIS BOAZ, 1839-1922

Thomas Francis Boaz, the third son of Joshua and Polly (Whitis) Boaz, was born in Graves County, Kentucky, February 15, 1839. He was reared on his father's farm and given a good education. When the Civil War broke out he volunteered, joining Company "D," Second Kentucky, of the Confederate Army, and saw considerable service during the war. He was wounded at Hartsville, Tennessee, but soon recovered. He died January 14, 1922.

On December 7, 1865, he married Virginia H. Puryear of Kentucky. To this union eleven children were born:

- (1) Nancy Jane Boaz, b. Aug. 5, 1867; d. Dec. 13, 1881.
- (2) Pollie Boaz, b. Feb. 3, 1869; d. Mar. 2, 1902. During 1888 she was married to S. A. Nicholson. Their children are:
 - a. Nova Matilda Nicholson, b. July 5, 1889; m. Herbert Duntan. They have three children:
 - (a) _____.
 - (b) _____.
 - (c) _____.
 - b. David Earl Nicholson, b. Aug. 7, 1891. Unmarried.
 - c. Thomas Leslie Nicholson, b. Feb. 11, 1894. Served in the U.S. Navy in World War I. Married Edna Jerrell, Dec., 1922. They have no children.
 - d. Marion Jewell Nicholson, b. July 12, 1896; d. Aug. 22, 1904.
 - e. Vernon Saunders Nicholson, b. Feb. 3, 1899.

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- f. Virginia B. Nicholson, b. Nov. 7, 1901.
- g. Mary Maurine Nicholson, b. Mar. 3, 1906.
- (3) Harmon Edwards Boaz, b. Nov. 19, 1870; m. Lou Ellen Otey of Melbourn, Ky., Oct. 19, 1893. Their children are:
 - a. Nannie Gordon Boaz, b. Nov. 27, 1894. She is now (1949) an outstanding nurse and X-Ray Technician and with her father lives at 2107 Patterson Street, Nashville, Tenn.
 - b. Mable Clair Boaz, b. Aug. 4, 1899; d. Feb. 9, 1902.
 - c. Leonard Hylton Boaz, b. Dec. 23, 1901. Served as a Corporal in World War II. Married Margaret Engle, Feb. 26, 1926. They have two children:
 - (a) Leonard Hylton Boaz, Jr., b. Dec. 24, 1926; m. Elizabeth Osburn, May 14, 1949. Sergeant in World War II.
 - (b) Margaret Ann Boaz, b. Oct. 5, 1929; m. John Cason of Nashville, Tenn., June 8, 1947.
 - d. Virginia Otey Boaz, b. Apr. 4, 1913; d. July 27, 1913.
 - e. Thomas Bedford Boaz, b. Apr. 1, 1914; d. Apr. 15, 1914.
- (4) Joshua Boaz, b. Feb. 8, 1873; d. Oct. 8, 1875.
- (5) William Thomas Boaz was born Jan. 7, 1875, in the Houseman District, North Graves County, Ky. He attended the Boaz School until ten years of age, at which time his father moved to the western section of Graves County and he attended school in the Pryor School District near Pottsville. At the age of nineteen he entered Southern Normal University, Huntingdon, Tenn., where he remained for some time. Later he attended West Kentucky College at Mayfield, Ky., and finally Georgia Robertson Christian College at Henderson, Tenn. He became a member of the Church of Christ at the age of nineteen at Pottsville, Ky., and that year completed the reading of the entire Bible.

He preached his first sermon in 1895 and thereafter worked for the Church at Milan, Tenn. From the beginning of his ministry he was very active in evan-

gelistic work and trying at the same time to complete his education. He preached at Tenth Street Church, Paducah, for some time and from there went to the Church at Hazel. He preached in the Church of Christ, West Nashville, Tenn., also Columbia, Tenn., and many other places. The evangelistic work carried him into Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and other sections of the country. He also engaged in many religious debates with ministers of different churches. He had more than one hundred religious debates with some of the outstanding men of the different denominations. He met such men as Dr. I. N. Penic, President of the Baptist University, Martin, Tenn., Dr. Boyce Taylor, and many others. He engaged in a week's discussion with Rev. Horton of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the discussions being held in the Tenth Street Church of Christ, Nashville, Tenn. His latter years have been spent in Canada, where he is engaged in commercial advertising and preaching as opportunity is afforded. He holds membership at the present time, 1949, in the Fern Avenue Church of Christ, Toronto, Canada.

William Thomas Boaz married Ellie Bell Jones of Mayfield, Ky., on Jan. 1, 1900. To this union were born six children, five of whom are living, one dying at the age of eighteen months, a son. All the living children received a first-class education and are now holding good positions. Their children are:

- a. Cleo Frances Boaz, b. June 21, 1901, at Mayfield Ky.; m. Richard West Harris of Toronto, Canada, Sept. 21, 1920. Before marriage she was working for Maple Leaf Milling Co. Their children are:
 - (a) Edith Cathrine Harris, b. Aug. 22, 1922.
 - (b) Andrew Davis Harris, b. May 12, 1925.
 - (c) John Lindsey Harris, b. _____.
 - (d) Richard West Harris, b. May 29, 1930.

After the death of Richard W. Harris, his widow married Dr. Robert S. Richardson of Toronto, Canada, 1943. They have one son, Robert Samuel, born Sept. 1, 1944.

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- b. William Eldridge Boaz, b. Jan. 15, 1903, Sedalia, Ky.; d. July 21, 1904, at Hazel, Ky.
- c. Virginia Lucy Boaz, b. Aug. 25, 1906, at Hazel, Ky. During her single life she was a bookkeeper. On Oct. 22, 1922, she married William Clifford Kirkpatrick of Toronto, who was connected with the British American Oil Co. She then relinquished her work as bookkeeper to become a wife and mother. Their children are:
 - (a) Sandra Louise Kirkpatrick, b. Oct. 22, 1937.
 - (b) Roger Mara Kirkpatrick, b. Oct. 3, 1941.
- d. Rachel Rebecca Boaz, b. Sept. 21, 1907. She won the Canadian Amateur Championship of 1924 for speed and accuracy in typing. She then secured a position with the Ontario Government, working for the Compensation Board from 1924 up to 1945 when she retired to be simply a housewife. On Oct. 4, 1930, she was married to William J. Farley of Toronto, Canada. To this union one son was born:
 - (a) Michael Farley, b. Mar. 4, 1946.
- e. Wayne Thomas Boaz, b. Sept. 19, 1909, at Columbia, Tenn. He is an outstanding electroplater and is employed as foreman by the C. C. M. Company, of Canada. On Nov. 13, 1948, he married Patricia Wheatley of Toronto, Canada. They have one daughter:
 - (a) Jane Boaz, b. Dec. 14, 1947.
- f. Robert Harmon Boaz, b. Dec. 30, 1911. He holds a good position at this time, 1949, as bookkeeper. On Apr. 29, 1944, he married Hazel Lindsay Poyser of Austin, Manitoba. They have two children:
 - (a) Barbara Hazel Boaz, b. July 26, 1945.
 - (b) Linda Louise Boaz, b. Nov. 15, 1946.
- (6) Melissa Boaz, b. Jan. 22, 1877; d. Feb. 6, 1877.
- (7) Gabriel Saunders Boaz, b. Feb. 7, 1878; d. Oct. 3, 1945. On Dec. 28, 1902, he married Daisey Josephine Brown of Cuba, Ky. Their children are:
 - a. Lowell Brown Boaz, b. Dec. 27, 1905, at Franklin, Tenn.; m. Ellen Rose, June 7, 1931.

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b. Lula Mac Boaz, b. Jan. 23, 1908, at Franklin, Tenn.; m. Jay L. Graham, June 25, 1933.

c. Virginia Christine Boaz, b. Sept. 25, 1910; Franklin; m. Arthur Edward Holmes, Aug. 16, 1914, at Oakland, Calif. To this union one child was born:

(a) Linda Christine Holmes, b. Mar. 18, 1947.

d. Gene Sherrill Boaz, b. Jan. 16, 1922, Franklin, Tenn.; m. Lula Wickersham, June 16, 1943. Children are:

(a) Roger William Boaz, b. Nov. 30, 1943.

(b) Cheryl Gene Boaz, and

(c) Lowell David Boaz, twins; b. Mar. 6, 1945, Oakland, Calif.

Gabriel Saunders Boaz died Oct. 3, 1945.

(8) Elmina Boaz, b. Oct. 4, 1879, Mayfield, Ky.; m. John P. Sullivan of Mayfield, Ky., Apr. 17, 1900. To this union three children were born, namely:

a. John B. Sullivan, b. Aug. 9, 1901, Mayfield, Ky.

b. Harmon Puryear Sullivan, b. May 25, 1906, Mayfield.

c. Linda Matilda Sullivan, b. Jan. 18, 1920.

After the death of J. P. Sullivan Elmina m. J. E. West.

(9) Mildred Rozena Boaz, b. Nov. 17, 1881, Mayfield, Ky.; m. Lloyd Gough of Mayfield, Ky., Nov. 28, 1906. Their children are:

a. William Howard Gough, b. July 20, 1911; m. Lucy Ellen Varney, Apr. 3, 1939. Their children are:

(a) Betty Angeline Gough, b. May 22, 1940.

(b) Victoria Elaine Gough, b. Feb. 19, 1943.

(c) Dorothy Nell Gough, b. Apr. 22, 1944.

(d) Carl Kenneth Gough, b. Oct. 13, 1948.

b. Wayne Thomas Gough, b. Sept. 1, 1913. m. Mabel Evelyn Winn, Apr. 21, 1934. Their children are:

(a) Judy Fay Gough, b. Jan. 17, 1940.

(b) Thomas Winn Gough, b. June 18, 1946.

c. Giles Edward Gough, b. Aug. 28, 1915; m. Geneva Shell of Mayfield, Ky., May 22, 1946. One daughter:

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(a) Lana Jane Gough, b. May 22, 1947.

Giles Edward Gough served in World War II. He saw service in French Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, and Italy. Was wounded on Mar. 14, 1944. Received the EAME Theater Ribbon with four bronze stars, American Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Ribbon, and Purple Heart. Served four years, four months, and twenty days. Was Sergeant Giles Gough, Battery B, 106 Coast Artillery (Antiaircraft).

(10) Lovie Ellen Boaz, b. Jan. 1, 1886, Mayfield, Ky.; m. Elbert West, a farmer of Graves County, Ky. Their children are:

a. Walter Leland West, b. Sept. 2, 1906; m. Irene Bennett, Aug. 31, 1933. They have one child:

(a) Mary Ellen West, b. Nov. 24, 1945.

Walter Leland West is now (1949) in the wholesale fruit and vegetable business in Saint Louis, Mo.

b. John Paul West, b. June 22, 1910; m. Charline Schmidt of Mayfield, Ky., May 4, 1946. They have one child:

(a) Gary Lynn West, b. Feb. 16, 1947.

John Paul West served in World War II and is now a postal clerk in Mayfield, Ky.

c. Marian Grey West, b. Mar. 19, 1913; m. Marcus Goebel Richardson, Feb. 11, 1938. He holds a degree from the Murray, Ky., State College and is a teacher of English. Their children are:

(a) Sue Caroline Richardson, b. Mar. 27, 1940.

(b) Charles David Richardson, b. Sept. 10, 1943.

d. Virginia Eliza West, b. Dec. 26, 1915; m. Bert Dillihay, Jan. 8, 1946. Their children are:

(a) Martha Virginia Dillihay, b. May 29, 1947.

(b) Ralph Elbert Dillihay, b. July 31, 1948.

e. May and Alice West (twins), b. and d. June 23, 1918.

f. Harold Elbert West, b. Jan. 16, 1920; m. Mary Anna Holleman, Sept. 1, 1946. He was in the

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U.S. Air Force in World War II and ready to sail for Japan when the war ended. He was a Second Lieut. He is an artist and now (1949) completing his studies in Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.

g. Amy Lois West, b. July 11, 1922; m. Joe Brownlow Green of Hickory, Ky., Sept. 27, 1941. Their children are:

(a) John Thomas Green, b. Oct. 20, 1946; d. 1946.

(b) John Allen Green,

(c) Thomas Lee Green, and

(d) James Wayne Green, triplets, b. Mar. 14, 1948.

(11) Eoline Lillian Boaz, b. July 17, 1889, Mayfield, Ky.; m. Joe Curtis Winn of Mayfield, Ky., Feb. 13, 1910. To this union one son was born, namely:

a. W. T. Winn, b. Nov. 26, 1914; m. Linda Thurmond, Dec. 2, 1933. Their children are:

(a) William Thurmond Winn, b. Mar. 24, 1939.

(b) James Wilton Winn, b. Sept. 16, 1940.

Joe Curtis Winn and his son, W. T. Winn, are very successful farmers in Graves County and highly respected by all.

4. Nancie J. Boaz was the first daughter and fourth child of Joshua and Polly (Whitis) Boaz. She was doubtless born in Graves County, Ky., and in the year 1841. At the present time we have no record of whom she married, where she lived, or of her descendants. It is hoped that future years will bring such information.

5. David Boaz, the fourth son and fifth child of Joshua and Polly (Whitis) Boaz, was born in Graves County, Ky., during the year 1843. As in the case of Nancie J. Boaz, we have at this time no information concerning him or any of his descendants. Future years may bring such desired information.

6. JOSHUA BOAZ, 1845-1930

Joshua Boaz, the fifth son of Joshua and Polly (Whitis) Boaz, was born in Graves County, Kentucky, on September 22, 1845. He was given a good education and chose farming for his lifework. He

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married Amanda Gilbert, who was born in 1849. At the time of his marriage his father gave him a good farm and on this farm he settled for life. To them four children were born:

(1) Ada, 1871-1908; m. George Riley. One child, who died in infancy.

(2) Lucy, 1873-1915; m. Terry McIntosh, Dec. 24, 1896.

To them two children were born:

a. Arleigh McIntosh, b. Nov. 7, 1897; m. Esther Sawyer. Children:

(a) Nedra Agnes, b. _____.

(b) Dorothy L, b. _____.

b. Jesse Lee, b. _____; m. _____.

(3) Hugh Boaz McIntosh, 1875-1948; m. Ada Ford, Dec. 24, 1896. Their children are:

a. Edith, b. Mar. 22, 1900; m. Paul Duncan, June 23, 1918. Children:

(a) Paul Mason, b. _____.

(b) Dorothy Ford, b. _____.

b. _____.

c. _____.

d. _____.

(4) William Joshua Boaz, 1877-1922; m. Elenor Ham, who was born Feb. 20, 1874. To this union one son was born:

a. Earl Boaz, b. Oct., 1900; m. Ann Springer.

William Joshua Boaz was a farmer. Elenor (Ham) Boaz died Sept. 21, 1923.

7. JAMES BOAZ, 1847-1899

James Boaz, the sixth son of Joshua and Polly (Whitis) Boaz, was born in Graves County, Kentucky, February 3, 1847. On his father's farm he grew to manhood and was given an excellent education. He entered the teaching profession and became one of the most successful teachers in his county. He inspired his pupils to make the most of life and was popular with parents and pupils alike. Early in life he married Laura Morrison, a sister of Bishop Henry C. Morrison, of the M. E. Church, South. She was a beautiful and charming woman and beloved by all who knew her. At the time of their marriage Joshua Boaz gave them a good farm. To them two children were born:

(1) Florence Ida, b. _____; d. Mar. 1, 1888.

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(2) Robert L., b. _____; m. Emma Morrison.

Their children are:

a. Laura Mae Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

b. Goble Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

Their children are:

(a) _____.

(b) _____.

Goble Boaz served in World War I.

c. Allary Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
_____ children.

d. Bruce Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

Their children are: _____.

After the death of his first wife, Laura (Morrison) Boaz, James Boaz married Ollie Nanny. To this union one child was born and died in infancy. After the death of his second wife James Boaz married Mary Bales. To this union three children were born. Two died in infancy. The third is:

(1) Mable Boaz, b. Feb. 28, 1889; m. William Wright. To them two children were born:

a. Infant who died as an infant.

b. Name unknown.

James Boaz died in November, 1899, at the age of fifty-three.

8. SHADRACH BOAZ, 1850

Shadrach Boaz, the seventh son of Joshua and Polly (Whitis) Boaz, was born in 1850. At the time of this writing we have no further record of him.

9. RUFUS K. BOAZ, 1852

Rufus K. Boaz, the eighth son of Joshua and Polly (Whitis) Boaz, was born in Graves County, Kentucky, June 11, 1852. He was well educated and was a prosperous farmer. He married Eliza Jane Cross, daughter of Samuel Cross of Graves County. At the time of their marriage his father, Joshua Boaz, gave them an excellent farm near the old homestead. The date of their marriage was January 17, 1875. To them six children were born; namely:

(1) L. Eldridge Boaz, b. Jan. 13, 1876; m. Dora Rheu. To them four children were born:

a. Raymond King, b. Oct. 18, 1900; m. Maggie Freezor.

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- b. Annie Mae, b. June 11, 1903; m. _____.
- c. Marvin Odell, b. July 19, 1917.
- d. Darion, b. July 30, 1921. He served as a soldier in World War II.
- (2) Ethel Boaz, b. Feb. 14, 1878; m. _____.
- (3) Bertha Boaz, b. 1880; d. 1918. She was given an excellent education and became a very successful teacher in Graves County. On Jan. 14, 1914, she married W. H. Quarles of Graves County. Their children are:
 - a. Ethel, b. Oct. 17, 1915; m. Dorris A. Meunier.
 - b. Laide Bertha, b. July 15, 1918; m. John L. Gregory. At the birth of the second daughter the mother, Bertha Boaz Quarles, died.
- (4) Nelson Boaz, b. July 4, 1883; m. Carrie Earnhardt, Oct. 18, 1907. Their children are:
 - a. Halene, b. Nov. 27, 1908; m. J. T. Powell.
 - b. Edna Earle, b. Sept. 10, 1910; m. Clayton Holland.
 - c. William, b. Dec. 11, 1917.
- (5) Bernard Boaz, b. 1885; d. 1886.
- (6) Walker Boaz, b. Feb. 12, 1887; died at birth.

10. ELIHU BOAZ, 1855-1919

Elihu Boaz, youngest son of Joshua and Polly (Whitis) Boaz, was born in Graves County, Kentucky, September 14, 1885. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and was given a good education in the public school of the county. He lived with his father until the day of his father's death and continued as a farmer to the end of his life. On January 16, 1896, he was married to Vica Thomas of Tennessee. To them no children were born. He and his wife moved into the town of Mayfield, Kentucky, and lived there until his death in 1919. His wife survived him but a few years.

VI. ELIHU BOAZ, 1811-1880

Elihu Boaz, the sixth son of Thomas and Lucinda (Davis) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, September 1, 1811. When Elihu was five years of age his parents immigrated to Middle Tennessee and settled on a tract of land sixteen miles southeast of Nashville in what was then the Sixth District, on Mill Creek, near Duck River. When he was ten years old his mother died, leaving his father with twelve children, the oldest being seventeen and the youngest

only one year old. During the year of 1822 Thomas Boaz married Mollie Tait. To them two children were born. One died in infancy. The other was Zephaniah Henry Tait Boaz.

Soon after reaching manhood Elihu Boaz married Emily Stevens of Tennessee. They soon moved to Mississippi and settled at Lexington, Holmes County. A little later they moved to Yazoo County where the land once occupied by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians had been opened for settlement by whites. Many rich planters from Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas flocked to this new country. Elihu Boaz and his wife came with them and by the time of the War between the States had acquired a small fortune. He was the owner of many slaves and much land.

During the siege of Vicksburg, when the Union armies were raiding and plundering the State, destroying homes and confiscating all available property, Elihu Boaz with two of his daughters, Margaret and Mary Portress, and a number of faithful servants, refuged to Texas to find shelter in the home of his daughter, Georgiana, who had married F. W. Bonner, a prominent lawyer and banker of Rusk, Texas. Mary Portress failed to recover from that trip and died at the age of sixteen. At the close of the Civil War Elihu Boaz returned to Mississippi and there remained until 1871.

Closing all his business affairs in Mississippi, he returned to Texas to spend his last years with his daughter, Mrs. Georgiana Bonner of Rusk. Her home was large and imposing, being on a farm of two hundred fifty acres near the town of Rusk. Mr. Bonner turned over to his father-in-law, Elihu Boaz, the management of this farm and it was well managed, for there was peace and harmony at all times between the manager and the hired help. Elihu Boaz was gentle and kind and had a pleasant smile for all. During his declining years he was afflicted with palsy. After a short illness he died on September 16, 1880, and was buried in the cemetery at Rusk. His body was laid to rest beside the body of his daughter, Mary Portress.

To Elihu and Emily (Stevens) Boaz were born eight children:

1. James, Boaz, who died in infancy.
2. Edward Boaz, who also died in infancy.
3. Georgiana Boaz, who was born during 1840. In due time she was married to F. W. Bonner of Rusk, Texas. She died on Monday, Nov. 14, 1921, in her eighty-fifth year. At the time of her death she was the oldest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Rusk, Texas, having placed her

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membership in that church in 1861. She always sat on the front seat and was greatly interested in all that was going on in her church. She was an unusual woman and well beloved by all. She was buried from that church; the Rev. Terry Wilson conducted the service. Their children are:

- (1) Margaret Bonner, who died in infancy.
- (2) Wade Ferdinand Bonner, who married Kate Aycock.

Their children are:

- a. Norma Bonner, who died unmarried.
- b. Mary Bonner, who married Riley A. Burke.
- c. George McCall Bonner, who married Opal Walling.
- d. Elsie Lenore Bonner, who married D. A. Hulcy. Mr. Hulcy is now (1949) one of the outstanding citizens of Dallas, being the president of the Lone Star Gas Company and also president of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. He was awarded the honor of being the most useful citizen of Dallas for the year 1948. Their children are:

- (a) Louise Bonner Hulcy; b. _____.
- (b) Mildred Hulcy; b. _____.
- (c) Dechard A. Hulcy, Jr.; b. _____.
- (d) Mary Portress Hulcy; b. _____.

- e. Louise Coleman Bonner, who died unmarried.
- f. Pauline Bonner, who married Homer Joe Curly.

- (3) Mary Portress Bonner, who married Thomas Pickens. To them one child was born, Sam Bonner Pickens. After the death of her husband she married James I. Parkins.

- (4) Thomas Hubbard Bonner, who married Ala Perryman. Their children are:

- a. Margaret Bonner.
- b. Marshall Hicks Bonner.

- (5) Walter Stevens Bonner, who married Ethel Churchill Coleman. Their children are:

- a. Luch Hill Bonner; b. _____.
- b. Georgia Bonner; b. _____.
- c. Linda Oldman Bonner; b. _____.

- (6) Fritz William Bonner, who died unmarried.
- (7) Georgia Bonner, who married Tom Finty, Jr.

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4. Margaret Boaz, who married O. T. Stephens, a soldier of the Confederate Army. To them one child was born, Walter O. Stephens, who became a minister in the Christian Church.
5. Ferdinand Boaz, who became a Confederate soldier and was killed at the battle of Richmond.
6. Mary Portress Boaz, who died at sixteen years of age.
7. Leola Boaz, who was an afflicted daughter.
8. Josie Boaz, who died at the age of four years.

VII. THOMAS BOAZ, 1815-1892

Thomas Boaz, the seventh son of Thomas and Lucinda (Davis) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, December 20, 1815. The next year his father and family immigrated to Middle Tennessee and settled on a farm sixteen miles southeast from Nashville. General Jackson was at that time living in the "Hermitage," nine miles north of the Boaz farm.

On his father's farm Thomas grew to manhood, attending the schools of the district and finishing his education in Nashville. He entered the profession of teaching but soon moved to western Kentucky where several of his brothers and sisters had already settled. Here he continued the work of teaching, the school being located near where the town of Fulton now stands.

About 1840 he married Salina Britton of Nashville, Tennessee. To this union three sons were born, namely:

1. John Cullen Boaz, b. Aug. 29, 1842. When the War between the States started he enlisted in the Confederate Army, Company "A," 7th Kentucky Regiment. He served in this company until 1863 when his health failed and he received an honorable discharge. He died soon after his arrival at home and was buried in the cemetery at Boaz's Chapel, near his old home.
2. Thomas James Boaz, b. Mar. 13, 1844. He was reared on his father's farm near Fulton and attended the schools of the district. At the age of seventeen he volunteered for service in the Confederate Army and joined Company "A," 7th Kentucky Regiment. He served in the army during the entire time of the war and was in forty-two battles, including the battles of Shiloh, Vicksburg, Brice Cross Roads, Franklin, and many others. With his company he was captured at Selma and was paroled May 16, 1865, with an honorable discharge and soon

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returned to his home. He was considered one of the best soldiers in his company.

At the age of twenty-four he married Lucy Susanah Taylor of Dukedom, Tenn. To them ten children were born, namely:

(1) Lena Boaz, b. Sept. 16, 1869; d. July 2, 1946; m. J. J. Oliver of Fulton, Ky. Their children are:

a. Uel Oliver, b. Nov. 30, 1908; m. Elizabeth Rodgers. Their children are:

(a) Mary Elizabeth Oliver.

(b) Martha Uel Oliver.

b. Eva Oliver, b. Apr. 25, 1910; m. Wm. C. Watts, Jr. They have one child:

(a) William Henry Watts, b. Dec. 1, 1949.

(2) Mattie Boaz, died two years after birth.

(3) Thomas Taylor Boaz, b. Mar. 23, 1873; m. Lettie Golston. They had one daughter:

a. Queen Esther Boaz, b. July 30, 1900; m. George Hester of Fulton, Ky. They had one child who died in infancy.

Thomas Taylor Boaz is now (1949) a successful merchant in the town of Fulton where he has been mayor for eight years. He is tall, erect and energetic.

(4) William Burt Boaz, b. _____; died at twenty-five, unmarried.

(5) Howard Chapman Boaz, b. Sept. 22, 1877; m. Lena Bennett. Home in Memphis, Tenn. To them two sons were born:

a. Howard Chapman Boaz, Jr., b. Nov. 9, 1913; d. Mar. 7, 1939. Unmarried.

b. Thomas Bennett Boaz, b. Oct. 28, 1918; m. Elsie Mae Archer, Aug. 19, 1945. They have one child:

(a) Keren Jann Boaz, b. _____, 1948. Thomas Bennett Boaz and family live in Memphis, Tenn.

(6) Lloyd Cullen Boaz, b. June 22, 1879; m. Carrie Powell. No children.

(7) Ora Mae Boaz, b. Feb. 19, 1881; m. H. V. Parrish of Fulton, Ky., on Feb. 24, 1915. He is a successful insurance man. They are ardent members of the Meth-

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odist Church and make their home in Nashville, Tenn. (1949). No children.

- (8) John Alton Boaz, b. Oct. 2, 1883; m. Lillie Hutchens, who died Sept. 20, 1920, leaving two children, namely:

a. James Emerson Boaz, b. Mar. 28, 1916; m. Maury Wade. Children are:

(a) Sam Wade Boaz, b. _____.

(b) James Maury Boaz, b. _____.

b. Rebecca Sue Boaz, b. Dec. 23, 1919; m. Arthur Adams. Children:

(a) Arthur Adams, Jr., b. Mar. 15, 1944.

(b) John Winston Adams, b. Mar. 23, 1946.

(c) William James Adams, and

(d) Robert James Adams, twins, b. July 14, 1947.

- (9) Elizabeth Flournoy Boaz, b. May 28, 1885; m. C. L. Phillips. Three children:

a. Frank Phillips, b. Mar. 27, 1916. Unmarried.

b. Lucy Alice Phillips, b. May 11, 1918; m. John Stewart. No children.

- (10) Lutie Boaz, who died in infancy.

3. Silas William Boaz was born on his father's farm Feb. 19, 1846. He was too young to enlist in the Confederate Army with his brothers and it fell to his lot to "keep the home fires burning." This he did with great credit to himself and his family. He was given good educational advantages and at the age of twenty-four married Martha Peebles of Weakley County, Tenn. To them six children were born, namely:

- (1) John David Boaz, b. _____, 1873; m. Eula Pullen, who died soon after their marriage. Later he married Emma McLain. No children.

- (2) Robert Thomas Boaz, b. July 2, 1875; m. Hettie Gohlson. To them one son was born:

a. Paul, b. Dec. 22, 1901; m. Evelyn Osgood. Children:

(a) Robert Emerson, b. Apr. 15, 1937.

- (3) William Otho Boaz, who died in infancy.

- (4) Zeph Arthur Boaz, b. Feb. 8, 1877; m. Bertie Thomas. To them one daughter was born:

a. Robbie Boaz, b. _____; m. Orvie Smoot.

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After the death of Bertie (Thomas) Boaz, Zeph Boaz married Maud Brown. They live now (1949) at Memphis, Tenn. To them two children were born, namely:

a. Monette Boaz, b. Nov., 1909; m. Enoch W. Pepper Feb. 28, 1942. Children:

(a) Robert Winder Pepper.

(b) _____.

b. Jas. Arthur Boaz, b. Apr. 25, 1914; m. Almeda Brown, June 8, 1940. Children:

(a) _____.

(b) _____.

(5) Roy Boaz, b. Jan. 7, 1883, on his father's farm; m. Myrtle DeMyers, who lived only one month after marriage. He later married Dicey Russell. To them five children were born, namely:

a. William Russell Boaz, b. May 6, 1908; m. Love Bently. Their children are:

(a) Martha Sue, b. _____, 1933.

(b) Gerrald, b. _____, 1936.

He later married Sylvia Smith. One child: James Russell.

b. Lewis Ezra Boaz, b. July 27, 1922; m. Evelyn Gasseny. Children:

(a) Linda Gale; m. _____.

(b) _____; m. _____.

c. Mary Evaleen Boaz, b. Nov. 2, 1911; m. James Iuman. Children:

(a) Mary Sue, b. Apr. 5, 1938.

(b) Bettie Jean, b. Dec. 1, 1943.

d. Annie Belle Boaz, b. June 7, 1916; m. Luther Weaver. Their children are:

(a) Sarah Elizabeth Weaver.

(b) Luther Weaver, Jr.

(c) Carlyn Ann Weaver.

e. Mozelle Boaz, b. Jan. 18, 1920; m. Wm. Hobbs. They have one child:

(a) Jerry Malone Hobbs

(6) Ernest Boaz, b. Jan. 14, 1888; d. Aug. 26, 1917; m. Mary Cheatham of Fulton, Ky., Jan. 15, 1922. They have one child:

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a. Ruth Boaz, b. Oct. _____, 1927; m. James Dickinson. Their children are:

(a) Mary Margaret Dickinson.

(b) John Dickinson.

Silas Boaz and his wife, Martha (Peeples) Boaz, lived on a farm which his father had purchased in an early day. He boasted that he never wanted to be anything but a successful farmer. He was an active member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Boaz's Chapel and took great pride in keeping the church building in perfect condition at all times. Martha Boaz, his wife, was an ardent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, but cooperated with her husband in his church work. They were both buried in the Boaz Cemetery near the old Boaz Chapel.

Salina Britton Boaz, wife of Thomas Boaz, 1815-1892, died about 1847, leaving her husband with three small sons. During 1848 Thomas Boaz married Elizabeth Virginia Roberts. To them were born one son and four daughters. The son died in infancy. Their daughters are:

1. Lucy Boaz, b. Aug. 27, 1849; m. Foster Forrest, who lived near Murray, Ky. To them seven children were born:

(1) Jacob Cullen Forrest, b. _____, 1878; m. Nora Cahoon. Their children are:

a. Thomas Cullen Forrest, b. Jan. 23, 1911.

b. William Alonzo Forrest, b. Jan. 7, 1914.

(2) Hattie Luch Forrest, b. Sept. _____, 1880; m. Bart Osborn. Children:

a. Gayette Virginia Osborn, b. _____, 1912; m.

Thomas Williams. They have one child, _____.

(3) Virginia Elizabeth Forrest, b. Feb. 27, 1883; m. Doss Outland. No children.

(4) John Forrest, b. _____; died unmarried.

(5) Mattie Forrest, b. _____; died unmarried.

(6) Guerrant Forrest, who died in infancy.

(7) Hay Forrest, b. _____; died in infancy.

2. Lydia Boaz, b. _____, 1850; m. Dr. J. A. Farabough. They have one daughter:

(1) Sallie Elizabeth Farabough, b. _____, 1870; m. T. D. Jackson. They have two children:

a. _____.

b. _____.

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3. Laura Boaz, b. _____, 1853; m. W. S. Golden. Their children are:
 - (1) Lula Golden, b. Feb. 19, 1882; m. Almus Colley. Children:
 - a. Virginia Colley, b. _____; m. _____.
 - b. John Colley, b. _____; m. _____.
 - (2) Maud Golden, b. _____, 1884; m. Sam Colley. No children. Live at Fulton, Ky.
 - (3) Maggie Golden, who died in infancy.
4. Ada Boaz, b. Dec. 1, 1856; m. J. T. Phillips. Children:
 - (1) Nannie Phillips, b. Mar. 23, 1888; m. W. A. Brann.
 - (2) Silas Phillips, b. July 21, 1889; m. Effie Johnson. Children:
 - a. Justine Phillips. Deceased. No children.
 - b. Kermit Phillips. Unmarried.
 - (3) Vernie Edna Phillips, b. Dec. 30, 1890; m. Alvie Johns. Children:
 - a. Thomas P. Johns, died in infancy.
 - b. Jack Johns, b. _____.
 - (4) Elvina Phillips, b. Dec. 30, 1893; m. Boyd Johns. Children:
 - a. Malcome Johns, b. _____.
 - b. Mary Pinkley Johns, b. _____; m. _____.
 - c. Thomas P. Johns, who died in infancy.

Thomas Boaz, 1815-1892, was a soldier in the war with Mexico. He and his brother, Shadrach Boaz, were among the first to volunteer for that war. They were real patriots and ready to defend their country as their fathers had been. When President James K. Polk declared war against Mexico, Kentucky volunteered three times her quota and some of them had to be rejected.

Thomas and Shadrach Boaz were with General Taylor in the battle of Buena Vista when he defeated Santa Anna, the Mexican General. This battle was the crowning glory of the life of General Taylor. Thomas and Shadrach Boaz had their part in this notable battle. When peace was declared they were mustered out at New Orleans.

Having served with distinction in the war with Mexico and having received an honorable discharge, Thomas Boaz returned home to his farm. He was a successful farmer and soon became well to do, owning many slaves. He was a Democrat in politics and of the Jackson type. Like many of his ancestors he was a Primitive Baptist in faith,

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though he did not join the Church until 1880. While strong in his religious faith he was very liberal towards other religious denominations. This was shown by the fact that he offered to donate land to any denomination that would build a church near the Boaz cemetery. The Methodists were the first to take advantage of this offer and they built a good church building near the cemetery and the district school building. Later the Primitive Baptists built a strong church in the same community and became very prosperous. Many of the Boaz family became members of this Church. Rev. R. H. Boaz, a nephew of Thomas Boaz and son of Shadrach Boaz, was for a number of years pastor of this Primitive Baptist Church. Boaz Chapel became quite a noted place in those early days.

Thomas Boaz was a true type of American manhood. He was honest, thrifty and strong in his convictions. He was justly proud of his family name and the position he occupied in the community. He was at times quick tempered but usually held himself under control. He was a true man and filled his place in the community with distinction. He was "gathered to his fathers" August 20, 1892. Of him it might have been truly said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

VIII. JOSIAH BOAZ, 1818-1852

Josiah Boaz, the eighth son and twelfth child of Thomas and Lucinda (Davis) Boaz, was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, August 5, 1818. Two years preceding his birth his parents had left Pittsylvania County, Virginia, for their new home in Davidson County, near the city of Nashville. His father, Thomas Boaz, was a noted Primitive Baptist preacher and at the same time a successful farmer. Josiah grew to manhood on his father's farm and received the education that was customary for the sons of well-to-do farmers of that time. Since his father was a minister of the gospel, it is probable that Josiah was given better educational advantages than other young men of that section. Reaching manhood, he moved to Rutherford County, Tennessee.

On December 8, 1842, Josiah married Lucinda Sanford. To this happy union four children were born, namely: Mary Shields, James Sanford, Thomas Elihu, and William Josiah.

1. Mary Shields Boaz was born Dec. 25, 1843. In due time she

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was married to L. Birmingham. At this time nothing is known of her and her descendants.

2. James Sanford Boaz was born Aug. 27, 1846. He was given a good education and was for some time a student in the University of Kentucky. During 1870 he married Martha Jane Barnette. He died at an early age, twenty-six, on Feb. 24, 1872. This was prior to the birth of his only child, a daughter, named:

- (1) James Adeline Boaz, who was born Sept. 9, 1872. She was given a good education and on reaching maturity was married to Albion Marmaduke Mitchener of Oklahoma. He passed to the other world on May 4, 1908, while they were living at Davis, Okla. To them were born two children, Albion Boaz and Doris Eva.

- a. Albion Boaz Mitchener was born Nov. 4, 1895. He graduated in May, 1912, and died July 12, 1912. He was preparing to enter the Law School of the Oklahoma University.

- b. Doris Eva Mitchener was born Oct. 27, 1899. She finished high school in Ardmore, Okla., specializing in music, voice, and expression. Studied one year in Kansas City, Mo. She taught in Mobeetie and Wheeler, Texas, for a time and later was married to Roy H. Forrester, who was at that time superintendent of public school in Wheeler and later served as county clerk, district clerk, and county judge of Wheeler County. At the present time (1949) he is secretary-treasurer of the National Farm Loan Association of Wheeler County. He is an orator of repute and frequently addresses Masons, Sunday school classes, and Legionnaires.

Mrs. James Adeline Mitchener is now (1949) making her home with her daughter in Wheeler. She is in excellent health at seventy-six years of age, is deeply religious, and enjoys life fully. Her daughter is operating successfully an insurance and abstract business in Wheeler.

3. Thomas Elihu Boaz was born Aug. 19, 1848. He received a good education and for some time was a teacher in the state of Tennessee. On Nov. 19, 1872, he married Ellen Greenfield

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Stone, a beautiful Kentucky girl and member of a prominent family. Her father was a wealthy tobacco planter. Her mother died when Ellen was but thirteen and she went to live with one of her sisters who had her home in Tennessee. It was while in that home she met and married Thomas Elihu Boaz. It was a happy marriage. Being thrifty, they soon owned a large plantation and enjoyed their home until Thomas Elihu endorsed a note for a relative who soon died and the payment of that note fell to Thomas Elihu, which took quite a large part of his fortune. He was compelled to sell his large plantation in order to satisfy that note. Later in life he and his wife moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where he engaged in the real estate business with his relative, William Jesse Boaz. He died in the city of Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 31, 1894. His wife, Ellen (Stone) Boaz, passed to the better world on Jan. 26, 1932. Both of them were devout members of the Church, Thomas Elihu being an officer in First Christian Church in the city of Fort Worth. To Thomas Elihu and Ellen (Stone) Boaz six children were born:

- (1) Ethlyne Ruth Boaz, b. Sept. 21, 1873. She graduated from the University of Chicago and for a time taught Mathematics in the Fort Worth High School. She never married, died Apr. 8, 1916.
- (2) Maud Ellen Boaz, b. Jan. 25, 1875. On Aug. 15, 1901, she was married to G. W. Coleman. She died Sept. 12, 1936; her husband a little later.
- (3) Tommie Ennis Boaz, b. Dec. 23, 1876. On Aug. 1, 1900, she was married to Robert Clifford Andrews. She died Oct. 22, 1936.
- (4) Pearle Estis Boaz, b. Feb. 7, 1879; d. July 7, 1881.
- (5) Beulah Burnette Boaz, and
- (6) Eula Boaz, twins, b. Dec. 14, 1880. Eula Boaz died Sept. 5, 1882, when less than two years old.

Beulah Burnette Boaz was given a good education and on Sept. 16, 1903, was married to Putnam Baxter Curry of Orange, Texas. P. B. Curry was an excellent Christian gentleman. From the days of his childhood he was a regular attendant at First Presbyterian Church in Orange. When he reached his majority he was made a deacon in that church. He was also a 32-degree Mason,

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a loving husband, and a good citizen in every sense of the word. He passed to the other world on Nov. 25, 1934. His widow, Beulah (Boaz) Curry, lives at 4373 San Carlos St., Dallas, Texas, a devoted Christian woman and a near neighbor to the author of this story.

Josiah Boaz and his wife left Tennessee for Mississippi at some unknown date and there made their home for some time. During 1851 Josiah was stricken with pneumonia and did not recover as fast as he desired. He and his wife and four children took a boat at New Orleans for Galveston, Texas, where they took rooms at the Beach Hotel. He grew worse and died January 24, 1852, and was buried in Galveston. His widow and four children soon left for Gallatin, Tennessee, the home of her parents.

DAUGHTERS OF THOMAS BOAZ III AND LUCINDA (DAVIS) BOAZ

- IX. Sallie D. Boaz, oldest daughter of Thomas and Lucinda (Davis) Boaz, was born Jan. 3, 1808. On Dec. 6, 1825, she married J. C. Williams and settled in Graves County, Ky.
- X. Nancy R. Boaz was born Jan. 30, 1813, and married George Austin and settled in McCracken County, Ky.
- XI. Lydia R. Boaz was born Sept. 30, 1814. She married William Carkins and settled in Hickman County, Ky.
- XII. Lucinda Boaz was born May 7, 1817, and died Nov. 1, 1820.
- XIII. Annie L. Boaz was born Mar. 22, 1820. She married Robert Sellars. Her story follows in due place.
- XIV. Polly J. Boaz was born Nov. 12, 1821, and died Dec. 25, 1821.

XIII. ANNIE LEWIS BOAZ, 1820-1868

Annie Lewis, thirteenth child of Thomas and Lucinda Boaz, was born March 22, 1820, in Davidson County, Tennessee. When Annie Lewis was less than two years old her mother died, December 31, 1821. The next year her father married Miss Mollie Tait of Tennessee. A few years later her sister, Sallie, took her to the home of their brother, Elihu, in Mississippi, where they lived for some time. Later their brother, William, came for them and took them to his home in Kentucky, where she lived until she reached womanhood and later married Robert Henderson Sellars, of Tennessee, on January 28, 1840. To Robert and Annie (Boaz) Sellars eleven children were born, namely:

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1. Nancy Jane (1840-1917), born in Weakley County, Tenn. She was married to James Madison Roach, Dec. 18, 1867, and to this union five children were born:
 - (1) Annie Elizabeth (1868-).
 - (2) Rosella, b. 1870; d. 1870.
 - (3) James Robert (1872-); m. Miss Mary A. Hancock, 1897. Three children:
 - a. Edwin Michael (1898-1898).
 - b. Robert Lee Valentine (1902-).
 - c. Ruth Raven (1903-).
 - (4) Lee Edwin (1875-), and
 - (5) Laura Etta (1875-1875), twins.
 2. Sallie Ann (1842-1866).
 3. Fleming Cayce (1843-1876).
 4. William Shadrach (1845-1871).
 5. Lucinda Eleanor (1847-); m. William Marion Kennedy, Nov. 26, 1872, and to this union six children were born:
 - (1) Tallula (1873-1893); m. Robert Lee Black, Aug. 12, 1891, and to them one son was born:
 - a. Jefferson Kennedy Black (1893-); m. Jimye de Lashmet, Oct. 25, 1915.
 - (a) Jefferson Kennedy Black, Jr. (1917-).
 - (2) Millie Pearle (1875-1879).
 - (3) Robert Bonner (1878-1885).
 - (4) Myrtle May (1883-); m. Harris L. Browne, May 31, 1906, and to them have been born two children:
 - a. Lucile Ruth (1907-).
 - b. William Kennedy (1911-).
 - (5) William Clyde (1887-1888).
 - (6) Arthur Roland (1890-1890).William M. Kennedy died in 1923.
 6. Elizabeth Adaline (1849-1871); m. June 28, 1869, to Wm. Bragg, and to them one child was born:
 - (1) Whittemore (1870-1872).
 7. Lydia Agnes (1851-1864).
 8. Mary Bethena Nebraska (1854-1878), and
 9. Martha Kansas (1854-1869), twins.
 10. John Thomas (1858-1860).
 11. Susan Isabell (1859-1882).
- Robert Henderson Sellars and his son, Fleming Cayce, volun-

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teered in the Confederate Army; the father being Major in the 7th Kentucky and the son a Cavalryman under General Bedford Forrest, serving, both of them, throughout the war.

XV. ZEPHANIAH HENRY TAIT BOAZ, 1825-1889

Zephaniah Henry Tait Boaz was the son of Thomas and Mollie (Tait) Boaz. Mollie Tait was the second wife of Thomas Boaz. Zephaniah was born on his father's farm in Davidson County, Tennessee, August 20, 1825. His father died when Zephaniah was thirteen years old and his mother a few years later. Zephaniah went to live with his mother's people and was separated from his twelve half brothers and sisters and did not know very much about them until years later when they visited him in his Kentucky home.

After completing his education in Tennessee Zephaniah moved to Simpson County, Kentucky, where he soon met and married Sarah Hoy, a daughter of John Hoy, a prominent and wealthy farmer of that county. The marriage occurred during the year 1849. John Hoy owned a large estate and many slaves and was regarded as an honorable and upright gentleman. Sarah Hoy was a charming woman and possessed of many fine qualities. She was cheerful and light-hearted and admired by all who knew her. Their home was known for its hospitality. Friends were always welcome and everything was done for the pleasure and enjoyment of all visitors.

The estate of Zephaniah Boaz was located a short distance from Fulton, Kentucky. It consisted of more than six hundred acres of rich farm land on which were grown large crops of corn, wheat, oats, hay, and many vegetables. It was a model Kentucky farm, well stocked with purebred horses and cattle. Peace and plenty reigned in his home and among his slaves. When his slaves were given their freedom by Mr. Lincoln many of them were reluctant to leave their old "Master" and preferred to live on the plantation.

Zephaniah Boaz was a staunch Democrat to the day of his death, which occurred in November, 1889. His wife survived him for many years and did not die until July 18, 1922. Their bodies lie buried in the Green Lawn Cemetery, Franklin, Kentucky.

To Z. H. T. and Sarah (Hoy) Boaz seven children were born, namely:

1. William C. Boaz, b. 1850. Died in infancy.
2. Fannie Tait Boaz, b. 1852. Died in infancy.
3. Sarah Boaz, b. Mar. 30, 1855, in Simpson County, Ky. During

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the year 1880 she married Dr. C. L. Barton (1840-1889) of Tennessee. To them one daughter was born, namely:

- (1) Belle Barton, b. 1883. She married Trutelin M. Wannamaker, 1918. They have two children, namely:

- a. Infant, who died without name.

- b. Sarah Louise Wannamaker, b. 1924.

Belle Barton, the only child of Dr. C. L. and Sarah (Boaz) Barton, received her education in Sylvan Academy, the public schools of Franklin County, and the Franklin Female College, where she graduated with honors in 1902. Later she completed a business course in Bowling Green and held a responsible place in business until her marriage. Still later she practiced osteopathy with great success. She was an ardent member of Primitive Baptist Church.

4. John Henry Boaz, b. _____, 1857; m. Maggie Covington, of Simpson County, Ky., 1889. Children:

- (1) Grace Boaz, b. _____; m. Guy Peart. Children:

- a. Mary Agnes Peart, b. _____; m. _____.

- b. Maggie Belle Peart, b. _____; m. _____.

- (2) John Norris Boaz, b. _____; m. Brookie Lewis. Children:

- a. Mary Lewis Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

John Norris Boaz was educated in the schools of Franklin. When World War I was declared he volunteered and took his training in Camp Taylor in Louisville, Ky., went overseas, and was in service until armistice was signed.

5. Volney T. Boaz, b. _____, 1861; m. Esther Gainor, 1902. One son:

- (1) Volney Tait Boaz, b. _____. He was a soldier in the Spanish-American War under Frederick Funston.

6. Lizzie Boaz, b. _____, 1864; d. 1893; m. John H. Coleman, 1887. Children:

- (1) Hines Coleman, b. _____, 1888.

- (2) Louise Coleman, b. _____, 1892.

When Hines Coleman was five years old and his sister, Louise, was one year old, their mother died. Their aunt, Mrs. Sarah (Boaz) Barton, took them into her home and reared them as her own children, giving them the

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same educational advantages that she gave her own children. Both took responsible positions in the business world.

7. Hoy C. Boaz, b. _____, 1868; d. 1926; m. Sena Bogan, 1890.
Children:

- (1) Ruth Boaz, b. _____; died in infancy.
- (2) Harold Boaz, b. _____; died in infancy.
- (3) Raymond Boaz, b. Dec. 19, 1896, Franklin, Ky.; m.
_____.

Hoy C. Boaz graduated from Ogden College, Bowling Green, Ky., 1888. Spent one year in Dallas, Texas, helping engineers build the Santa Fe Railroad from Dallas to Honey Grove. In 1890 he returned to Franklin and joined his brother, John H. Boaz, in farming. Later he graduated from the Southern School of Osteopathy and practiced his profession with great success. He was a public spirited citizen and served several terms on the Board of Health for Henderson County. He served also as State Sanitary Inspector, being appointed to this office by the State Board of Health. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and also of the Elks Lodge and other fraternal organizations.

Raymond Hoy Boaz, the only surviving child of Hoy C. and Sena (Bogan) Boaz, graduated from the Barrett Manual Training High School in 1916. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at Evansville, Ind.; was sent to Newport, R. I., for final training, where he completed in three months' time the course usually completed in six months and on account of high grades was detailed as instructor in the school, being the youngest man ever detailed for such service in the U.S. Navy at that time. After reaching high positions in the Navy he was honorably discharged and entered the automobile business in Memphis, Tenn.

C. NANCIE BOAZ, 1782- (?)

Nancie Boaz, the first daughter and third child of Shadrach and Isabel Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, March 6, 1782. To whom she was married is not definitely known. From the records in the hands of the writer it appears that she married James

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Still, though the time and place is not known, nor the names of any of her children.

In the will of her father she was remembered and given a Negro man by the name of Ross. At the death of her mother she was to have her part of the estate left by her father. Nothing further is known of Nancie Boaz and her descendants.

D. PHOEBE BOAZ, 1785- (?)

Phoebe Boaz, the second daughter and fourth child of Shadrach and Isabel Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, June 10, 1785. In the records of the Pittsylvania County marriage bonds we find that Phoebe Boaz was married to Thomas Boaz on September 12, 1811. This Thomas Boaz was perhaps her cousin. The ceremony was performed by another Thomas Boaz, brother of the bride, who was an ordained Baptist (Primitive) preacher, being ordained by the Strawberry Baptist Church, on August 8, 1808.

In the will of her father, Shadrach Boaz, she was remembered with a gift of one hundred acres of land and at the death of her mother she was to have her rightful share of all the property left by her parents. Nothing further is known of Phoebe Boaz and her descendants.

E. ROSANA BOAZ, 1787- (?)

Rosana Boaz, the fifth child of Shadrach and Isabel Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County December 3, 1787 (?). It appears that she was married to John Jones. In the will of her father she was given a Negro man by the name of Dick, and at the death of her mother she was to share in all property left by her parents. Nothing further is known of her.

F. DAVID RUTHERFORD BOAZ, 1790-1862

David Rutherford Boaz, the third and last son of Shadrach and Isabel Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, on the 24th day of April, 1790. In the Hall of Archives in Washington, D. C., and in the Book of Pensions we found that David R. Boaz volunteered as a soldier in the War of 1812 and served as a private under Captain James Lanier in the 42nd Regiment of Virginia, and under the command of Colonel Daniel Coleman. In due time he was honorably discharged and received as grants for his services 160 acres of land. In the Virginia State Library at Richmond and on page 794

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of "Land Grants by W. R. Jillson" are recorded land grants to David R. Boaz of 320 acres of land in the State of Kentucky. In Deed Book 24, Pittsylvania County, Virginia, eight deeds are recorded where David R. Boaz bought land from others. He also inherited land from his father, Shadrach Boaz.

According to the Boaz records he married Susan W. Stubblefield in the year 1816, though no such record has been found in any of the county marriage records examined. The Calloway County, Kentucky, census of 1850, page 806, as found in Washington, lists David R. and Susan W. Boaz as man and wife. The family Bible records her birth on September 17, 1787, and her death on January 4, 1872. Her parentage is uncertain at this date but it appears that she was the daughter of George Stubblefield. On page 109 in Will Book 1749 to 1759 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, the will of George Stubblefield, Gentleman, is recorded, leaving his property to his wife, Cathrine, and his four sons, George, Beverly, Harry, and Robert, and the "child which my wife is now with." (Perhaps this was Peter Stubblefield.) This will was made in 1751 and probated in 1752. On page 101 of Orange County marriage bonds is recorded the marriage of George Stubblefield, supposed to be the son of George Stubblefield, Gentleman, to Sarah Morrison on August 15, 1775. The William and Mary Quarterly, Vol. 13, page 66, shows that George Stubblefield was a Burgess from Spotsylvania County, Virginia, on May 18, 1769, and in May, 1774, and was a member of the Convention in 1775. Also in the "Records of the Stubblefields in Virginia" it is shown that he was a Major General in the War of the Revolution. This George Stubblefield and his wife, Sarah (Morrison) Stubblefield, had a daughter whose name was Susanna (or Susan) Stubblefield. It is probable that this daughter, Susanna, was the wife of David Rutherford Boaz, though this cannot be definitely proved from the records available at present.

The will of Shadrach Boaz, found in Chatham, Pittsylvania County Court House, Will Book 1A, page 2, shows that Isabel and David Rutherford Boaz were made the executors of the will of Shadrach Boaz. It appears that they occupied the old homestead of Shadrach Boaz, though David was the youngest of the three sons.

In Deed Book 51, page 554, at Chatham, is found also a deed made by David Rutherford and Susan Boaz, his wife, and the two daughters and the four sons of David and Susan Boaz to Joseph Martin to 706½ acres of land in Pittsylvania County. This deed was

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dated September 9, 1849. It appears that David and Susan Boaz and their children were selling out in order to move to Kentucky. David and Susan (Stubblefield) Boaz had nine children, as follows:

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|-----------|---------------|
| James, | Sept. 9, 1817 |
| Peter M., | Jan. 19, 1819 |
| Zeno, | Aug. 15, 1820 |
| Frances, | Oct. 6, 1821 |
| Lawson, | Aug. 6, 1823 |

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| William, | June 11, 1825 |
| Crispin D., | July 10, 1827 |
| Susan, | July 5, 1829 |
| Shadrach, | Feb. 12, 1831 |

James, Zeno, and Shadrach died in infancy.

Having sold the homestead of 706½ acres in Pittsylvania County, we next find them in Kentucky, settling finally in Calloway County. There David R. Boaz died on January 19, 1862. His wife, Susan, died on January 4, 1872. Both are buried in the cemetery at Murray, Kentucky.

I. JAMES BOAZ, 1817

James Boaz, the first son of David and Susan (Stubblefield) Boaz, was born September 9, 1817; died in infancy.

II. PETER MADDOX BOAZ, 1819-1882

Peter Maddox Boaz was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, January 19, 1819. He was the second son of David R. and Susan W. (Stubblefield) Boaz. David R. Boaz was the son of Shadrach and Isabel (Rutherford) Boaz. Shadrach Boaz was the son of Thomas and Agnes Boaz, who came from Ireland about 1748 and settled in what is now Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

Peter Maddox Boaz married Winifred Carter April 8, 1850, and soon moved to Concord, Kentucky. To this union two sons were born, David and Joseph. Both of them came with the family to Texas in March, 1873. David was killed by an accidental shot in Birdville, Texas, December 29, 1879. Joseph never married. Moved to Portland, Oregon, where he died. Mrs. Winifred Carter Boaz died in 1854 and was buried in Murray, Kentucky.

On September 18, 1855, Peter Maddox Boaz married Louisa Ann Ryan, a daughter of Nathaniel Hill and Elizabeth Ann (Wills) Ryan of Murray, Kentucky. She was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, March 5, 1836. To this union were born two daughters (one died in infancy) and six sons,, as follows: Olive, May 28, 1856; Ex Norton, August

30, 1859; Edgar, October 25, 1861; Nathaniel Hill, March 5, 1864; Hiram Abiff, December 18, 1866; William, August 27, 1869; Z., July 13, 1872.

Peter Maddox Boaz was of fine physical and mental stature. He stood six feet in height and weighed one hundred eighty pounds. He had a clear gray eye with a bluish tinge. He served for some time as sheriff of Calloway County, Kentucky. When the Civil War broke on the country he was one of the most successful men of his county, being a planter and tobaccoist and owning quite a few slaves. When the war closed his slaves were free, his teams and tools taken from him by the Federal Army, and his fortune gone. For several years he struggled against unfavorable odds and in March, 1873, he sold his home in Murray and moved to Tarrant County, Texas, where he hoped to rebuild his fortune. He died October 26, 1882, a bruised and broken man. His body was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth, Texas.

Louisa Ann Ryan Boaz, the second wife of Peter Maddox Boaz, was a woman of remarkable qualities. She was about five feet, five inches in height and weighed not more than one hundred twenty pounds. She had wonderful energy and powers of endurance. Before the Civil War she lived in ease and luxury with servants at her command. After the war she lived in straitened circumstances on the farm but never complained. She was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and lived a most exemplary life. Four years after the death of her first husband she married Esquire J. M. Benbrook, with whom she lived happily for some years. On November 29, 1917, while in the home of her son, Hiram A. Boaz, she took her departure for the better world. Her body was laid to rest in the Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth.

1. Olive Boaz, daughter of Peter Maddox and Louisa Ann (Ryan) Boaz, was born in Murray, Ky., May 28, 1856. She was educated in the public schools of Murray and at Clarksville College, Clarksville, Tenn. She came with her parents to Texas in Mar., 1873, and married, Sept. 17, 1873, R. N. Hatcher, a young businessman of Fort Worth. To this union were born two sons, Shelton and Harry. She was a consistent Christian of the Methodist faith. She died May 2, 1898, and was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth.

- (1) Shelton Hatcher was born in Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 15, 1875. He was educated in the public schools

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of Fort Worth. He married Agnes Gorman, Aug. 15, 1899. To this union was born one daughter, Olive Hatcher, Sept. 4, 1900. She married Harry Mummert in 1944. Shelton Hatcher died Dec. 17, 1940. His widow now (1949) lives in the city of Fort Worth. His daughter, Olive (Hatcher) Mummert, is a successful optometrist of the same city.

- (2) Harry Hatcher, the second son of R. N. and Olive (Boaz) Hatcher, was born in Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 24, 1877. He was educated in the public schools of Fort Worth. Married Vergie _____. For many years he was a successful coal salesman and later became interested in thoroughbred Jersey cattle and owned a Jersey farm near Amarillo.

2. Ex Norton Boaz, the oldest son of Peter Maddox and Louisa Ann (Ryan) Boaz, was born in Murray, Ky., Sept. 30, 1859. He came with his parents to Tarrant County, Texas, in Mar., 1873. On July 19, 1883, he married Mattie Robinson, of Tarrant County, and settled on a farm south of the old home place. Later he bought the old home place and lived there until the day of his death, Sept. 14, 1937. He was greatly interested in the practice of medicine and did quite a lot of free practice among his neighbors. They had five children, namely: Hatcher, Helen, Louisa, Martha, and Norton.

- (1) Hatcher Boaz, the oldest son of Ex Norton and Mattie (Robinson) Boaz, was born on the farm three miles south of Benbrook, July 21, 1883. He was educated in the public schools of Tarrant County, the Polytechnic College, and the Fort Worth Medical College. During the year 1908 he married Susie McCluney. They have one daughter, Susan, born May 25, 1913. On Aug. 29, 1932, she was married to Jack McClendon. Dr. E. H. Boaz is now (1947) practicing medicine in Childress, Texas.

- (2) Helen Boaz, the oldest daughter of Ex Norton and Mattie Boaz, was born on the farm three miles south of Benbrook, Dec. 12, 1886. She was educated in the public schools of Tarrant County and Polytechnic College. On June 3, 1908, she was married to Alfred Wooten. To them one son was born, Winfield Wooten,

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Aug. 3, 1911, who died Mar. 16, 1941. Mrs. Helen (Boaz) Wooten is a successful real estate woman in Fort Worth at this time (1947).

- (3) Willie Louisa Boaz, the second daughter of Ex Norton and Mattie (Robinson) Boaz, was born on the farm Mar. 13, 1889. She was educated in the public schools of Tarrant County and Polytechnic College. She taught in the Tarrant County public schools for some time and was married to Dr. H. W. Lingsweiler of Waco, Texas, Nov. 10, 1910. To this union two children were born:

a. Henry Wilson Lingsweiler, b. Dec. 11, 1911, is now (1949) living in Waco, Texas.

b. Kenneth Boaz Lingsweiler was married to Dr. George W. Hinkle, of Denton, Texas, May 16, 1936. They have two children: Bill H. Hinkle, b. Aug. 21, 1937, and Dan C. Hinkle, b. Aug. 19, 1938. Dr. George W. Hinkle is a brilliant and successful physician.

- (4) Martha Boaz, the third daughter of Ex Norton and Mattie (Robinson) Boaz, was born on the farm near Benbrook, Nov. 27, 1895. She attended the schools of Tarrant County and the Polytechnic College. On Mar. 16, 1916, she was married to Hugh Sandsbury, a businessman of Fort Worth, Texas. To this union two children were born: Bettie Boaz Sandsbury, Feb. 11, 1917, and Marjorie Jane Sandsbury, Mar. 8, 1922. Martha Boaz Sandsbury was a lovely woman. She died July 17, 1932. Bettie Boaz Sandsbury was married to George P. Morgan on May 4, 1935. They have two children: George P. Morgan, Jr., May 3, 1936, and Richard H. Morgan, Oct. 25, 1938.

- (5) Alfred Norton Boaz, the last son of Ex Norton and Mattie (Robinson) Boaz, was born on the farm near Benbrook, Dec. 19, 1900. He was a bright and promising son but was stricken with polio and died Feb. 18, 1916.

3. Edgar Boaz, the second son of Peter Maddox and Louisa Ann (Ryan) Boaz, was born in Murray, Ky., Oct. 26, 1861. He was brought to Texas by his parents in Mar., 1873. He at-

tended the public schools of Tarrant County and at an early age, fifteen, went with his uncle, Joseph S. Godwin, to Shackelford County, Texas, to work on his uncle's ranch. In March of the next year they moved to Jones County. There he grew to manhood, spending most of his daylight hours for forty-one years on the back of a horse. On July 21, 1884, he was married to Mattie Morgan, of Birdville, Texas. To this union one son was born, James E. Boaz.

(1) James E. Boaz, the only son of Edgar and Mattie (Morgan) Boaz, grew up on his father's ranch in Jones County, just north of Merkel, Texas. He attended the public schools of Jones County and a business college in Fort Worth. On Sept. 8, 1901, he married Lela Mac Rainwater. To this union five children were born, namely:

- a. Lula May Boaz, b. May 24, 1903; m. Warren C. Smith, of Abilene, Texas, July 23, 1922. They have one son, Jackie, who is in Kingsville College (1947).
- b. Fannie Bell Boaz, b. Mar. 6, 1908; m. David S. Richardson, May 19, 1945. No children. Living at Camp Hood, Texas.
- c. James E. Boaz, Jr., b. Sept. 18, 1910. He attended the public school of Taylor County and married Dorothy Louise Booth, Sept. 17, 1932. They have two sons: James Boaz, b. Sept. 19, 1936, and Terry Boaz, b. Apr. 3, 1947. At this time (1947) they live on their farm near the old homestead in Jones County.
- d. Willie Evelyn Boaz, b. Jan. 22, 1914. She was educated in the public schools of Jones County. On June 4, 1938, she was married to F. O. Scoggins. They have two daughters: Sylvia, b. Oct. 30, 1939; and Jan, b. _____. They live at Monahan, Texas (1949).
- e. Harry Hatcher Boaz, b. on his father's ranch May 21, 1915. He was educated in the public schools of Merkel and John Tarlton College at Stephenville, Texas. On May 19, 1943, he married Joy McBride. They have one son, Edgar Eugene Boaz,

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b. Dec. 22, 1944. Harry Hatcher Boaz spent two years in the U.S. Army in World War II. They live on the ranch with his mother in Jones County, Texas (1949).

Edgar Boaz married Gertrude Hobson on July 9, 1913. This second marriage was blessed with one daughter and one son, namely:

- (1) Ann Louise Boaz, b. in Anson, Texas, Apr. 8, 1923. She was educated in the public schools of Anson, Simmons University at Abilene, and Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. On Aug. 14, 1943, she was married to Walter D. Osborne. They have one son, Elliot Duncan Osborne, b. May 24, 1944.
- (2) Z. Edgar Boaz, b. in Anson, Texas, Feb. 4, 1925. He was educated in the public schools of Anson, Military Institute of New Mexico, and the Technological Institute at Lubbock, Texas, graduating from the latter Institute in June, 1946, specializing in Animal Husbandry. On Sept. 14, 1946, he married Joan Ferguson. They have one son, Joe Edd Boaz, b. Apr. 15, 1949. They now (1949) live on their three-thousand-acre ranch near Anson, Texas.

Edgar Boaz, son of Peter Maddox and Louisa Ann (Ryan) Boaz, was a unique character. Without a technical education he began working on the ranch of his uncle, Joseph S. Godwin, at fifteen years of age. In those early years he was known as a "cowpuncher." He was thrifty and industrious. He soon became one of the most trusted men on the ranch and was put in charge of the crews who drove cattle from Texas to Kansas City. At the time of his death in Anson, June 6, 1948, he was perhaps the wealthiest man in Jones County. He was a trusted member of the Methodist Church. His widow still lives (1949) in Anson. She was a real helpmeet for her husband and is a most excellent woman, being a faithful member of the Methodist Church.

4. Nathaniel Hill Boaz was born in Murray, Ky., Mar. 5, 1864. He was brought to Texas by his parents when a lad of eleven years. He attended the public schools of Tarrant County and was a most promising son, unselfish and dutiful at all times. He passed to the other world on Sept. 28, 1882. His body lies

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buried in the Oakwood Cemetery of Fort Worth, Texas, beside that of his father and mother.

5. Hiram Abiff Boaz, the fourth son of Peter Maddox and Louisa Ann (Ryan) Boaz, was born in Murray, Ky., on Dec. 18, 1866. At the age of six he was brought to Texas by his parents. He was educated in the public schools of Tarrant County, the city of Fort Worth, Sam Houston State Teachers College, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, Columbia University, New York, and Union Theological Seminary, New York. Taught two years in the public schools of Fort Worth and was called to preach in June, 1899. Admitted on trial into the Northwest Texas Annual Conference in Nov., 1899. Graduated from Southwestern University in June, 1894, with the M.A. degree and with first honors for scholarship and won the Texas State Oratorical Association contest. Was pastor in Fort Worth, Abilene, and Dublin, and for nine years was president of Polytechnic College; two years, vice-president of Southern Methodist University; five years, president of Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth; two years, executive secretary of the Board of Church Extension, Louisville, Ky.; two years, president of Southern Methodist University and then elected a bishop of the M. E. Church, South, in May, 1922. Served as bishop four years in Korea, Japan, Siberia, and China; four years as bishop in Arkansas and Oklahoma; eight years in Texas, and retired in May, 1938. He is the author of two books: *The Fundamentals of Success* and *The Essentials of an Efficient Ministry*. Listed in *Who's Who in America*.

On Oct. 2, 1894, he was married to Carrie Odalie Browne, of Luling, Texas. She was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Browne. She was born Feb. 9, 1869, and graduated from Sam Houston State Teachers College in May, 1887. Taught for seven years in Luling and Gonzales. To this union three daughters were born, namely:

- (1) Ruth Boaz was born in Fort Worth, Mar. 3, 1896. She was educated in Polytechnic College; studied voice under Andrew Hemphill at Polytechnic College and under the famous voice teacher, Companari, in New York City. On July 11, 1916, she married C. A. Penniman, a young businessman from Dallas, who was a soldier in World War I. She has for many years been

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one of the leading soprano singers of Dallas. She has rare charm and a remarkable personality. They have no children.

- (2) Edith, the second daughter of H. A. and Carrie Odalie (Browne) Boaz, was born in Abilene, Texas, May 23, 1899. She was educated in Polytechnic College and Louisville University, graduating in June, 1920. On Nov. 17, 1920, she was married to Prentiss M. Terry, of Louisville, Ky. He was born Aug. 13, 1893, and is also a graduate of the University of Louisville. He served in World War I in the Intelligence Branch of the Air Corps and was Secretary of the General Staff. He joined the Staff of Hon. Herbert Hoover in the American Relief Administration and served in Prague, Vienna, and Budapest. He served also as Director of N.R.A. for Kentucky, Personnel Director for Louisville, Vice-President of the Louisville Board of Trade, President of the Louisville Rotary Club and is now (1949) the Manager of the U.S. Department of Commerce for the Louisville District. They have two daughters:

- a. Edith Louise Terry (better known as Madi), the older daughter of Prentiss M. and Edith (Boaz) Terry, was born in Vienna, Austria, Nov. 30, 1922. She was educated in the Louisville Collegiate and Southern Methodist University, graduating from the latter in June, 1943. On Mar. 1, 1944, she was married to Lieut. James F. Tate, of Dallas, Texas, her grandfather officiating. Her husband is a very promising young businessman of Louisville. They have one child:

(a) Edith Prentiss Tate, b. Oct. 31, 1947.

- b. Jean, the second daughter of Prentiss M. and Edith (Boaz) Terry, was born Aug. 2, 1929, in Louisville, Ky. She is a graduate of Louisville Collegiate and is now (1949) a sophomore in Duke University, Durham, N. C.

- (3) Mary Louise Boaz, the third and last daughter of H. A. and Carrie Odalie (Browne) Boaz, was born in the city of Fort Worth, Texas, July 12, 1905. She was educated in the Louisville High School, Morgan's School for

Girls, Dallas, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Wisconsin University, and Barnard College of New York City, graduating from the latter in June, 1925. She accompanied her father and mother on their first trip to the Orient and also on their last trip to the Orient and then around the world, visiting Japan, Korea, China, Egypt, Palestine, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, France, and England. On Nov. 9, 1927, she was married to Graham R. Hall, of Little Rock, Ark., her father officiating. The wedding was in the First Methodist Church. They have two sons:

- a. Lee Boaz Hall, the oldest son of Graham R. and Mary Louise (Boaz) Hall, was born in Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 28, 1928. After some time in the public schools of Little Rock he entered Exeter Academy and in due time graduated from that school and is now (1949) a junior in Yale University.
- b. Donald Roots Hall, the second son of Graham R. and Mary Louise (Boaz) Hall, was born in Little Rock, Ark., June 20, 1930. After some time in the public schools of Little Rock he entered Exeter Academy and is now (1949) a freshman in Princeton University.

Graham Roots Hall was too old for being drafted into service of World War II but quit a lucrative law practice and volunteered for service in the Army. He entered as Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Department in Sept., 1942. His first assignment was to the office of the Judge Advocate General in Washington, D. C. In Mar., 1943, he was assigned to Iran, where he served as Assistant Staff Advocate of the Persian Gulf Command. In Apr., 1944, he was returned to Washington and served on special duty. In June, 1944, he was sent to London, England, and served as assistant to the United States Military Adviser, European Advisory Commission, and stationed at the American Embassy, London. He received his full colonelcy while serving as chairman of the Planning Committee for the United States Military Adviser in London. For his work in the

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latter capacity he received the Legion of Merit, which was awarded to him shortly after retiring from military service in Sept., 1945.

6. William Boaz, the fifth son of Peter Maddox and Louisa Ann (Ryan) Boaz, was born in Murray, Ky., Aug. 27, 1869. He attended the public schools of Tarrant County. In due time he married but died without issue, his wife dying before he did.
7. Z. Boaz, the last son of Peter Maddox and Louisa Ann (Ryan) Boaz, was born in Murray, Ky., July 13, 1872. After attending the public schools of Tarrant County he entered the Pruitt Business College of Fort Worth and took a thorough course of training in business transactions. On Jan. 10, 1894, he married Texie Bishop, who was for the forty years of their married life a faithful and devoted wife and mother. To this union two daughters were born: Olive Ruth and Thank Boaz. Thank died during her infancy.

(1) Olive Ruth Boaz was born Aug. 29, 1896. She was educated in the public schools of Tarrant County, Polytechnic College and Kidd-Key College of Sherman, Texas. On June 9, 1915, she was happily married to Marvin Rall, a very successful businessman of Fort Worth. To them three children were born, Elizabeth Ann, Marvin, Jr., and Olive Boaz. While living happily with her husband and her three children and surrounded by everything that could bring joy and pleasure Olive Ruth (Boaz) Rall was taken violently ill and without warning passed to the unseen world on Feb. 14, 1925. She was a most lovely young woman and her sudden death was a terrible shock to her family and friends.

a. Elizabeth Ann Rall was born Jan. 13, 1917, in Fort Worth. She was given a good education and was married to Truett Ellis of Fort Worth. They have one daughter, Olive Ann Ellis.

b. Marvin Rall, Jr., was born in Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 10, 1920. He was given an excellent education and served in World War II, returning after the war as a major. They live on a ranch near the city of Fort Worth, Texas (1949).

c. Olive Boaz Rall was born Oct. 5, 1922, in the city of Fort Worth.

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Z. Boaz was a very successful businessman and acquired a large estate. He and his wife gave to the city of Fort Worth a park of 136 acres in memory of their daughter, Olive Ruth (Boaz) Rall. They also donated to the city 140 acres of very valuable land near the city to be used as a municipal golf course. He was a member of the Methodist Church. At the age of sixty-three, while engaged in many business transactions, he was stricken with pneumonia and took his departure for the other world on December 1, 1935. His widow lives at Benbrook, Texas, and is one of the substantial supporters of the Methodist Church at Benbrook.

III. ZENO BOAZ, 1820- (?)

Zeno Boaz, the third son of David Rutherford and Susan (Stubblefield) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, August 8, 1820. He probably died in infancy as no other record has been found of him.

IV. FRANCES BOAZ, 1821- (?)

Frances Boaz, the fourth child of David Rutherford and Susan W. (Stubblefield) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, October 6, 1821. She was married to Presley D. Thornton and with him and her parents moved to Murray, Kentucky, about 1846. To them ten children were born:

1. Sallie, b. _____; m. Rev. W. T. Houston, a Baptist minister. Their children are:

(1) Rosie, b. _____; m. _____. Their children are:

a. _____.

b. _____.

c. _____.

(2) Johnnie, b. _____; m. _____. Children:

a. _____.

b. _____.

c. _____.

2. Lou, b. _____; m. _____ Lynn. Children:

(1) Laura, b. _____; m. _____.

(2) Con, b. _____; m. _____.

(3) Will, b. _____; m. _____.

(4) Emma, b. _____; m. _____.

(5) Melus, b. _____; m. _____.

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- (6) Loudy, b. _____; m. _____.
- (7) Fannie, b. _____; m. _____.
- (8) Reuben, b. _____; m. _____.
- 3. Fannie, b. 1849; m. J. K. Wells. Children:
 - (1) Anna W., b. _____; m. _____.
 - (2) Alma H., b. _____; m. _____.
 - (3) Juda F., b. _____; m. _____.
 - (4) Rainey T., b. _____; m. _____.
 - (5) Alva B., b. _____; m. _____.
 - (6) Jessie, b. _____; m. _____.
 - (7) Elizabeth, b. _____; m. _____.
 - (8) Nancie, b. _____; m. _____.
- 4. James, b. _____; d. in infancy.
- 5. Moses, b. 1851; d. in infancy.
- 6. Winnie, b. 1856; m. Mason Waters. Three children:
 - (1) Eula, b. _____; m. _____.
 - (2) Charlie, b. _____; m. _____.
 - (3) Neva, b. _____; m. _____.
- 7. Joseph, b. _____. Died without issue.
- 8. Josie, b. _____. Died without issue.
- 9. Bettie, b. _____. Died without issue.
- 10. Henry, b. 1864; m. Ellas Lassiter. Children are:
 - (1) Bettie, b. _____; m. _____.
 - (2) Leon, b. _____; m. _____.
 - (3) Ethel, b. _____; m. _____.
 - (4) Henry, b. _____; m. _____.

V. LAWSON BOAZ, 1823- (?)

Lawson Boaz, the fifth child and fourth son of David Rutherford and Susan (Stubblefield) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, August 6, 1823. With his father and mother and other members of the family he moved to Kentucky about 1846 and after marriage settled near Murray. He was twice married, the second time to Lou Wilson. The name of his first wife is not known to the writer. But by her he had three sons and one daughter. They moved to Texas about 1873 and settled in Johnson County, where Lawson Boaz died, date unknown.

- 1. Peter was born in Murray, Ky. Came to Texas, Mar., 1873.
- 2. Samuel was born in Murray, Ky. Came to Texas in 1873.
- 3. David, who also came with his parents to Texas. Without issue.

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4. Laura was born in Murray, Ky., and came with her parents to Texas in 1873.

VI. WILLIAM BOAZ, 1825- (?)

William Boaz, the fifth son of David Rutherford and Susan (Stubblefield) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, June 11, 1825. With his parents he moved to Kentucky about 1846 and later moved to Texas and died with yellow fever and without issue.

VII. CRISPIN D. BOAZ, 1827-1878

Crispin D. Boaz, the sixth son and seventh child of David Rutherford and Susan (Stubblefield) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, July 10, 1827. With his parents he migrated to Kentucky about 1846 and settled in Calloway County. The 1850 census of Calloway County, page 806, lists Crispin D. Boaz as a physician, twenty-three years of age. He became an efficient and beloved physician as the following paper testifies.

*Memorial Sketch of a Member of the South
Western Medical Association, who died in 1878.
Read before the Association at Paducah, Ken-
tucky, May 20, 1879, by J. W. Singleton, M.D.*

Crispin D. Boaz, son of David R. and Susan W. Boaz, was born in the State of Virginia, near Wytheville, July 10, 1827. We have learned that he studied medicine with a Doctor Hamilton of his native State, of whose place of residence we are not informed. Dr. Boaz first graduated in medicine from the University of Virginia in 1849, and subsequently from the Medical Department of the University of Louisville, in 1852, and afterwards attended a course of Lectures in the University of Pennsylvania in 1857. Dr. Boaz became the husband of Miss Susan Oury in 1858. He lived in Calloway County for several years, practicing medicine, and in the winter of 1873, moved to Fulton, Kentucky, and at once secured a good patronage in his profession.

For nearly a third of a century, he was conscientiously and industriously devoted to the tender, delicate and responsible duties of a faithful physician's life; "instant in season and out of season," *always ready to do good*. He was a man of most excellent attainments in medical science, highly esteemed by his brethren of the healing art; much honored and dearly beloved by all who came in contact

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with him, both as a gentleman and as a physician. Dr. Boaz was taken sick with yellow fever, at Fulton, Kentucky, September 15, and died September 21, 1878, deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and patrons and by none more sincerely mourned than by those who know how to lament the immolation upon the altar of humanity of a noble and self-sacrificing hero. Dr. Boaz was a man of kind heart and generous impulses; tall, erect, graceful in stature, and of modest, dignified and gentlemanly bearing. His eyes were blue, his hair black, his temperament, nervous. In very many respects, Dr. Crispin D. Boaz was a model man, full of love and zeal for his profession and for his fellow man. He died at the front, in the ranks of duty, leaving a wife, a son [Godwin Boaz] and daughter, and a large circle of loving friends to mourn his untimely loss—sacrificing himself that others might live. At the time of his premature death, he was a most devoted member of the Knights of Honor brotherhood. No truer knight ever responded more promptly to the call of distress or to the commands of the Supreme Dictator. Let us hope and trust that "after life's fitful fever he sleeps well" in his early grave and that his purified and enfranchised soul shall dwell forever among the true knights in the upper and better life.

VIII. SUSAN BOAZ, 1829

Susan Boaz, the eighth child and second daughter of David and Susan Stubblefield Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, July 5, 1829. With her parents she came to Murray, Kentucky, about 1846. She was married to J. S. Godwin and came to Texas about 1874. Her husband was a very successful businessman and owned large sections of land in Jones County, Texas. He was a most unique man in character and spirit. He maintained his home in the city of Fort Worth while he held many sections of land in West Texas and at a later date sold his land at a greatly enhanced value. Farmers came in to supplant the old-style cattleman in West Texas. He was known by all his friends as "Colonel Godwin." Only two children were born to this couple, namely:

1. David Godwin, who married Alice Ellison, daughter of R. L. and Thank Ellison of the city of Fort Worth. To this union four children were born, namely:

- (1) Ellison Godwin.
- (2) Joseph Godwin.
- (3) Ryan Godwin.

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(4) _____.

2. Mollie Godwin, who married R. H. Beckham. Judge Beckham was an eminent lawyer in Fort Worth and served several terms as District Judge. To this family two children were born, namely:

(1) Clifford Beckham.

(2) Robert Beckham.

IX. SHADRACH BOAZ, 1831

Shadrach Boaz, the last child of David and Susan Stubblefield Boaz, was born February 12, 1831, and died in infancy.

G. ELENOR BOAZ, 1792- (?)

Elenor Boaz, the seventh child of Shadrach and Isabel (Rutherford) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, November 11, 1792. She was married to Thomas Reynolds, date unknown. In the will of her father, she was given a Negro woman, Juday, to be received at the death of her mother. She was also to receive at the death of her mother a certain part of the estate left by her father and mother. Nothing further is known of her descendants.

H. LYDIA BOAZ, 1795- (?)

While but little is known about the other daughters of Shadrach and Isabel (Rutherford) Boaz, Lydia has left an interesting record. She was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, May 19, 1795. Nothing is definitely known about her education but since her father, Shadrach Boaz, was a prosperous planter, it is supposed that she was given the advantages customary for young women of that time. On the 27th of April, 1815, she was married to Daniel Davis, of Virginia. Daniel Davis was born April 23, 1796. Soon after their marriage they left Virginia for Tennessee and settled in Davidson County, about sixteen miles southeast of Nashville. Thomas Boaz, a noted Primitive Baptist minister, was in the company of emigrants leaving Virginia for Tennessee.

To Daniel and Lydia (Boaz) Davis four children were born, viz.:

I. William B. Davis, b. Feb. 25, 1816.

II. Daniel J. Davis, b. Oct. 25, 1817; d. Jan. 18, 1820.

III. Jackson Davis, b. _____, 1818. Nothing known about him.

IV. Constantine Davis, b. Nov. 25, 1819. Nothing known.

I. William B. Davis, the first son of Daniel and Lydia (Boaz)

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Davis, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, just before the family left for Tennessee. He was carried as an infant to their new home. He was given the customary education of that day and grew to manhood on his father's plantation. In due time he married, but the name of his wife at this time is unknown. About 1837 he, with a number of the Boaz family, immigrated to Kentucky and settled in Hickman County, not far from where Dublin now stands. He became a very successful planter and owned a number of slaves.

To William B. Davis and his wife were born nine children, namely:

1. Wesley Davis, who became a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
2. Sarah Davis, who died in infancy.
3. Elizabeth Davis, who died in infancy.
4. Constantine Davis, who became a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
5. William Samuel Davis, of whom nothing is known at this time.
6. Ann Elizabeth Davis, who married but soon died.
7. Joshua Cole Davis, who became a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
8. Laura Belle Davis, who became a teacher in the public schools.
9. Elizabeth Frances Davis, who was born Aug. 9, 1852.

Following the line of Elizabeth Frances Davis we find that she was given her education in the schools of that day and grew up on her father's farm, enjoying the blessings of her country home. On the 27th of February, 1873, she was married to Samuel L. Scott, of Trenton, Tennessee. They lived for a long time in Trenton, where all their children were born. After the death of Samuel L. Scott, Elizabeth Frances Scott and her children moved to Dallas, Texas. While living in Trenton to Samuel L. and Elizabeth Frances (Davis) Scott thirteen children were born, namely:

- (1) Lalia Belle Scott, who after completing her education entered the business world and became a stenographer in Dallas.
- (2) Lora Zulema Scott, who became a very successful teacher of music in the schools of Dallas.
- (3) Claud Davis Scott, b. 1889, who entered the brokerage business.
- (4) Clifton Cole, a twin to Claud Davis, also a broker.
- (5) Harry Scott, who after receiving a fine education en-

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tered the banking business in Dallas, Texas. Married Miss Bullock.

- (6) Sarah Alma Scott, m. P. C. Miller, 1912; d. Sept. 9, 1922.
- (7) Gertie Zanelle Scott, b. Aug. 24, 1883; m. Marvin M. Thompson of Dallas, Aug. 11, 1911.
- (8) Miriam Scott, m. George Greenhaw, Mar. 12, 1924, and moved with her husband to Marianna, Ark.
- (9) Ernest Happel Scott, who is a traveling salesman out of Dallas.
- (10) Nannie Mai Scott, who became a teacher of music, Wichita Falls.
- (11) Aurelia Delle Scott, b. June 20, 1887; m. Roley P. Baird, of Dallas, Dec. 19, 1905. To them two children were born, namely:
 - a. Francis Phillips, b. 1906.
 - b. Harry Scott, b. 1913.
- (12) Earl Constantine Scott, b. 1888; m. Bessie Van Winkle, 1908. Entered wholesale drug business in Dallas.
- (13) Edith Maudine Scott, who became a teacher of history in Dallas public schools.

In the home of Mrs. Ella Scott (Dallas, Texas), granddaughter of Lydia Boaz Davis, may be found the Bible of Lydia Boaz Davis. This Bible was presented to her by her father, William B. Davis, before his death, which occurred in Hickman County, Kentucky, June 4, 1897. This Bible had been given to William B. Davis by his mother, Lydia Boaz Davis, when he visited her for the last time in Middle Tennessee. This Bible is 8x6x4 inches in size and of the old style of printing. In this book is written in ink, plainly legible yet: "Lydia Boaz, May 19, 1795." It is a precious heirloom in the family and in a fairly good state of preservation, though more than one hundred fifty years old.

I. REBECCA BOAZ, 1797- (?)

Rebecca Boaz, the ninth child of Shadrach and Isabel (Rutherford) Boaz, was born December 17, 1797, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. She was married to Stephen Smith, date unknown. In the will of her father she was given one Negro boy named Jacob, to be received at the death of her mother. At the death of her mother

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she was to receive also her part of the estate left by her parents. Concerning her descendants nothing is known.

J. POLLY BOAZ, 1800- (?)

Polly Boaz, the tenth and last child of Shadrach and Isabel (Rutherford) Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, June 3, 1800. She was married in due time to Jerry Dallis, date unknown. In the will of her father she was given one Negro child, Sarah, and forty pounds in cash, her bed and furniture and one horse and saddle and one cow and calf. And at the death of her mother she was to receive her part of the estate left by her parents. Nothing is known concerning her descendants.

CHAPTER VIII

MESHACH BOAZ, 1752-1838

MESHACH BOAZ, the seventh son of Thomas I and Agnes Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1752. On page 72 of *Historical Register of Revolutionary Soldiers* (found in the State Library at Richmond, Virginia), I found that Meshach Boaz was listed as a soldier from Prince Edward County. I have also in my possession a letter from the Honorable Winfield Scott, Commissioner, dated March 21, 1927, in which he says: "Meshach Boaz enlisted in Feby. 1776 and marched from Prince Edward Court House in Captain John Morten's Company in the Fourth Virginia Regiment and served two years. He was allowed pension April 20, 1818, while a resident of Buckingham County." He died May 13, 1828.

Meshach Boaz married Nancie Penick and to them six children were born, as follows:

- A. Emmett Daniel Boaz, who "went West with his brothers," never married.
- B. David Boaz, who went to Mexico, Mo., and never married.
- C. Angelina Boaz, who married Captain Robert Isbell. One son, Milton.
- D. Millicent Boaz, who married William Hamner and moved to Kentucky.
- E. Pinnulla Boaz, who died without issue.
- F. Robert J. Boaz, who married (we know not whom) and had three sons:
 - I. William W. Boaz, who worked with the Norfolk and Western Railroad at Bristol, Tenn.
 - II. Walter Meshach Boaz, who lived in Washington, D. C.
 - III. Robert Owen Boaz, who settled at Bristol, Tenn.

Meshach Boaz no doubt lived and died in Buckingham County, Virginia, and the records of that county up to 1869 were burned by fire. For that reason but little could be learned concerning him and his descendants. This is deeply regretted. C. A. Boaz and wife, Lucilla, and my wife and I visited an old farm home in Appomattox County, on June 10, 1947, said to be the home of Meshach Boaz. But that was perhaps the home of another Meshach Boaz.

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CHAPTER IX

ABEDNEGO BOAZ, 1754- (?)

ABEDNEGO BOAZ, the eighth and last son of Thomas and Agnes Boaz, was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1754. In the S.A.R. Library in Washington, D. C., I found that James, Daniel, Meshach, and Abednego Boaz were listed as taxpayers in Buckingham County in 1787. (Virginia Tax List, page 12.) In the same library I found that Abednego Boaz was a Revolutionary soldier and received a land grant for his services in that war. (*Historical Register of Virginians in the War of the Revolution*, page 72.) He was registered as "1 Continental Line." In the Pittsylvania County Records (Deed and Will Book 7, page 641) I found that Abednego Boaz bought from Joshua Cantrell 293 acres of land for which he paid one hundred pounds. This land adjoined the land owned by Thomas Boaz. The deed was dated March 18, 1786. It appears that he left Pittsylvania County about this time for Buckingham County since he is registered in the latter county as a taxpayer the next year, 1787.

One reason for having so little authentic information about Abednego Boaz and his descendants is the fact that the records of Buckingham County up to 1869 were destroyed by fire. The records available are conflicting and confusing. The writer has sought earnestly to harmonize these records but no satisfactory solution has yet been found. The following is the best that could be done with the information available.

More than thirty years ago John D. E. Boaz, now deceased, furnished me with the following list as the children of Abednego Boaz: John, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, William, and Marshall. From whom he secured this information the writer does not know.

James C. Boaz, of Kuttawa, Kentucky, has supplied the following concerning John Boaz, the first son of Abednego Boaz, according to what was furnished by John D. E. Boaz.

A. JOHN BOAZ, 1787-1877

John Boaz, the son of Abednego Boaz, was born in Buckingham County, Virginia, April 29, 1787. In due time he married Susan Lay, who was born August 14, 1795. As a young man John Boaz immigrated to Kentucky and settled at Lexington. Family tradition

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says that he and his companion were captured by the Indians and that his companion was killed but that he escaped with his life. He became a man of means and owned many slaves. Later in life, like Cassius M. Clay and other Kentuckians, he was opposed to slavery and disposed of most of them before the Civil War. From the records in hand it appears that he moved to Illinois for a time and lived near the town of Mattoon. At a still later date he returned to Kentucky, where he died in 1877 at the age of ninety-one. To him and his wife thirteen children were born:

I. George L. Boaz, b. July 12, 1817; d. in 1901. During the year of 1841 he married Sarah Owen. Their children are:

1. Josephine Boaz, b. 1843; m. Dea Threlkeld in 1861. To them one son was born:

(1) Edward Threlkeld, b. 1867; d. 1898.

2. Ellen Boaz, b. 1845; m. J. C. Foster, 1864. Their children are:

(1) Callie Foster, b. 1868; m. Charles Rutter. Their children are:

a. Carnie Rutter, b. _____.

b. Charles Rutter, Jr., b. _____.

(2) O. L. Foster, b. 1874; m. Gertrude Owen. Their children are:

a. Callie Foster.

b. Lucy Foster.

c. Gertrude Foster.

d. Mattie Foster.

(3) Ada Foster, b. 1880; m. Dr. R. E. Goodloe.

3. Albert Boaz, b. 1847; d. 1944; m. Bettie Marshall, 1871.

Their children are:

(1) Flossie Boaz, b. 1873; m. Thomas Owen.

(2) Georgia Boaz, b. 1877.

(3) Sam Boaz, b. 1880. Deceased.

(4) David Boaz, b. 1882; m. Dollie Debo. They have one child:

a. Mary Ellen Boaz, b. 1913.

(5) Josephine Boaz, b. 1884; m. Hal Paden.

4. Owen Boaz, b. 1849; d. 1944; m. Julia Koon, 1880. Their children are:

(1) J. C. Boaz, b. 1882; m. Louise Brightwell, 1918.

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Successful merchant at Kuttawa, Ky. They have one daughter:

a. Anna Boaz, b. 1920; m. Raymond Hearod.

They have one son:

(a) David Franklin Hearod; b. 1948.

(2) R. C. Boaz, b. 1884; d. 1921. Never married.

5. Bettie Boaz, b. 1852; m. S. C. Bennett, 1867. Their children are:

(1) William Bennett, b. 1869; m. Lizzie Webber.

(2) Ira C. Bennett, b. 1878; m. Kittie Henry.

(3) Ivan Bennett.

6. John L. Boaz, b. 1856. Never married.

7. Sarah Boaz, b. 1863; d. 1918; m. Jess R. Robinson, 1884.

Their children are:

(1) Bolin Robinson, b. 1885; m. Julia Gibson. No children.

(2) Albert Robinson, b. 1891; m. _____.

a. One son, Albert Robinson, Jr., b. _____.

(3) Jessie G. Robinson, b. 1898; m. _____.

II. Mary Boaz, b. Mar. 3, 1819; m. _____. Their children are:

1. _____.

2. _____.

3. _____.

4. _____.

III. Solomon Boaz, b. Jan. 8, 1821; d. 1904; m. Cornelia Linebaugh, Mar. 7, 1850. Their children are:

1. Georgia Ann Boaz, b. Mar. 2, 1851; m. _____.

Their children are:

(1) _____, b. _____; m. _____.

(2) _____, b. _____; m. _____.

(3) _____, b. _____; m. _____.

(4) _____, b. _____; m. _____.

2. Susan Evalena Boaz, b. July 5, 1852; m. T. P. Grassham.

Their children are:

(1) Nettie Grassham, b. Feb. 8, 1876; m. Fred Hardy.

(2) Gus Grassham, b. July 12, 1880.

3. Charles Boaz, b. Aug. 2, 1854. Died unmarried.

4. John P. Boaz, b. July 16, 1856. Died without issue.

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5. Sarah J. Boaz, b. Dec. 28, 1859; m. Owen Boaz, Feb. 6, 1902. No children.

6. Robert A. Boaz, b. Dec. 6, 1861; m. Hattie Yandell, 1888. One child:

(1) Ethel Boaz, b. Jan. 23, 1890; m. J. P. Guess, Oct. 7, 1912. They have one child:

a. Jane Kathrine Guess, b. Dec. 23, 1927.

IV. Belus Boaz, b. Apr. 1, 1822. We have no record of him.

V. Nancy Boaz, b. Mar. 20, 1823; m. Anthony Koon. Their children are:

1. Nannie Koon, who never married.

2. Susan Koon, who married Levi Frasier. They had one son:

(1) Fred Frasier.

3. Golman Koon, who married Maggie Yandell. They had one daughter:

(1) Ina Golman.

4. Charles Koon, who married _____. They had four children:

(1) _____.

(2) _____.

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

VI. William H. (Buck) Boaz, b. Oct. 27, 1825. He married Susan Lee Munson of Indiana. He lived for a time in Indiana and then moved to Kuttawa, Ky., and then back to Lexington, where he died in 1821. It appears that for a time he lived in Stuttgart, Ark. Susan Lee Munson was a cousin of Robert E. Lee of Civil War fame. To William H. and Susan (Munson) Boaz three children were born:

1. Mary Elizabeth Boaz, b. _____, 1857; d. 1921; m. Wm. Murphey, of Paducah, Ky. Ten children:

(1) Lilian Murphey, who died in infancy.

(2) Unnamed infant who died.

(3) William Leslie Murphey, b. _____, 1874; d. 1912; m. Ruby Alexander. No children.

(4) Janette Murphey, b. _____, 1876; m. Walter Robinson. One daughter:

a. Alice L. Robinson, b. _____; m. Nathan Hunter, of Los Angeles, Calif.

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(5) Mary Zilpha Murphey, b. _____, 1881; m. Oscar Gates, 1913.

(6) Roscoe Murphey, b. _____, 1884.

(7) Uriah Scott Murphey, b. _____, 1886; m. Vernon Kirby of Paducah, Ky., 1906.

(8) Charles Murphey, b. 1889; m. Gertrude Tucker of Paducah. One son:

a. Charles Murphey, Jr.

(9) Ethel Murphey, b. _____, 1892; d. 1914; m. Frank Brown of Murphreysboro, Ill. No children.

(10) Norman Murphey, b. 1894; d. 1913.

2. William Scott Boaz, b. 1861; d. 1907, Kuttawa, Ky. Educated in the public schools and soon learned the trade of his father, a contractor and builder. In 1884 he came with his father's family to Arkansas. Was very successful. Married Lilian Adkins of Magnet, Ark., and settled at Hot Springs, Ark. Five children:

(1) Bessie Agnes Boaz, b. 1894; m. Maurice W. Marshall. Two children:

a. Lilian Marshall, b. 1915; m. _____.

b. Judith Marshall, b. 1919.

(2) Julia Hazel Boaz, b. 1896; m. William M. Dalton, 1916. Two children:

a. William Dalton, Jr., b. 1918; m. _____.

b. Dorothy Cathrine Dalton, b. 1920.

(3) John Ross Boaz, b. 1899; m. Edna Harvey, Hot Springs. One daughter:

a. Dorothy Elizabeth Boaz, b. 1921

His second wife was Ruby Sue Wright of Dallas, Texas.

(4) Ralph Adkins Boaz, b. 1901; m. Nettie High, Hot Springs. He was a soldier in World War I.

(5) William Scott Boaz, Jr., b. 1904. Lived in Hot Springs.

3. Sallie Drew Boaz, b. 1867; d. 1887. Unmarried.

VII. Martha Boaz, b. Aug. 12, 1832. No record available.

VIII. Rosana Boaz, b. June 23, 1823. No record.

IX. Ketura Boaz, b. June 1, 1831; m. George Martin. Two children:

1. Sam Noble Martin, b. _____.

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2. Ketura Martin, b. _____; m. George Reid. Six children:

- (1) Clay Reid.
- (2) Verno Reid.
- (3) Clara Reid.
- (4) Nona Reid.
- (5) Willie Reid.
- (6) Una Reid.

Concerning the other four children of John and Susan (Lay) Boaz we have no record.

B. DANIEL BOAZ, 1784-1864

Daniel Boaz, the second son of Abednego Boaz, was born September 6, 1784, perhaps in Buckingham County, Virginia, since his father was listed as a taxpayer in that county the same year. Nothing is known concerning his educational advantages or religious affiliations and but little about his financial standing, except that he was listed as a taxpayer.

During the summer of 1947 the writer found at Farmville, Prince Edward County, Virginia, in the Book of Marriage Bonds prepared by Dr. J. D. Eggleston, this notation: "Daniel Boaz married Francis Hix on Sep. 29, 1806." Francis Hix died September 18, 1811. In the same Book of Marriages was found this notation: "Daniel Boaz married Sally Cody [Sarah Elizabeth Cody] on April 20, 1816."

In a transcribed Bible record sent the writer by Walter Boaz of Oklahoma City the above facts are confirmed and much additional information given. From this Boaz Bible record we learn that Sally (Cody) Boaz died October 1, 1823, and Daniel Boaz married Lydia _____, September 11, 1824.

To Daniel and Francis (Hix) Boaz three children were born:

- I. Polina B. Boaz, b. Aug. 23, 1807; m. Samuel Park, Sept. 25, 1827.
- II. John C. Boaz, b. July 24, 1809; m. Cathrine Truslen, May 22, 1834.
- III. Cyrus T. Boaz, b. June 23, 1811; m. _____.

To Daniel and Sally (Cody) Boaz five children were born:

- IV. Edmond Cody Boaz, b. Feb. 10, 1813; m. Idosha Dreslar, Nov. 14, 1837. Six children:

1. Daniel Boaz, b. Jan. 10, 1839; d. Sept. 20, 1844.
2. Sarah Eliza Boaz, b. Jan. 18, 1841; m. _____.

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3. Martha Boaz, b. Jan. 19, 1844; m. _____.
4. Franklin Boaz, b. Sept. 24, 1847; m. _____.
5. Edmond Cody Boaz, Jr., b. June 6, 1850, Plattsburg, Mo.; m. Henrietta McKnight, Feb. 12, 1888. Three children:
 - (1) Walter Boaz, b. Dec. 9, 1888; m. Mary Ella Logan.

One son:

- a. Wendell Logan Boaz, b. Aug. 6, 1925, Oklahoma City; m. Icelone Mae Hunnicut, Oct. 13, 1943. One child:

(a) Victoria Suzanne Boaz, b. Mar. 30, 1948.

Walter Boaz and his son are in the candy and cigar business in Oklahoma City and prosperous. He has furnished the writer much valuable information concerning his ancestors.

- (2) Emmett Boaz, b. Nov. 21, 1890; m. _____.
- (3) Grover Boaz, b. Aug. 25, 1892; m. _____.
- (4) Forrest Boaz, b. June 10, 1895. Now of Stillwater, Okla. (1949).
- (5) Edmond Cody Boaz III, b. Apr. 10, 1897, Stillwater, Okla.

6. Meshach Boaz, b. Mar. 27, 1814; m. _____.

V. James Monroe Boaz, b. June 29, 1815; m. Sarah Brunnemer, Mar. 30, 1837. Sarah Brunnemer Boaz, b. June 8, 1813; d. Apr. 1, 1870. James Monroe Boaz died Jan. 19, 1879. To them were born four children:

1. Edmond Cody (Coda) Boaz, b. July 1, 1838; m. Margaret J. Byers, Feb. 7, 1861. She died July 8, 1865. One daughter:

(1) Alma Boaz, b. Mar. 31, 1862. No further record.

Edmond Cody Boaz, after the death of his first wife, married Arianna J. Perry, Oct. 9, 1867. To them were born three children:

- (2) Luta Lenora Boaz, b. Aug. 4, 1868; m. William M. Brown. Two children:

a. Janice Brown, b. July 12, 1904; m. Leroy Smith.

b. Louise Brown, b. Oct. 14, 1908; deceased.

- (3) James Thomas Boaz, b. Nov. 9, 1870; m. Maud Peterbaugh. Four children:

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- a. Edmond Perry Boaz, b. June 20, 1906; m. Helen Burnett.
 - b. Mary Jane Boaz, b. May 2, 1908; m. Benjamin Bruns.
 - c. John Thomas Boaz, b. Feb. 24, 1919; m. Elizabeth Borday, who died. Later m. Jane Winter.
 - d. Ruth Eugenia Boaz, b. Dec. 8, 1924; m. Herbert Shull.
- (4) Grace Boaz, b. Aug. 12, 1890; m. Doc. Holder. Four children:
- a. Joe Biles Holder, b. Dec. 3, 1908; m. Mildred Williams.
 - b. El Lenore Holder, b. Jan. 15, 1909. Deceased.
 - c. Elizabeth Holder, b. Dec. 16, 1913. Unmarried.
 - d. Janice Holder, b. Dec. 17, 1918; m. Ralph Burdick.
2. Martha E. Boaz, b. Dec. 3, 1842; m. George A. Dressler, Aug. 22, 1861. Five children:
- (1) Elmer E. Dressler, b. May 16, 1862.
 - (2) Lillie E. Dressler, b. Mar. 21, 1866; d. July, 1877.
 - (3) Effie Dressler, b. Oct. 8, 1868.
 - (4) Florence Dressler, b. May 1, 1871.
 - (5) Gilford Dressler, b. May 20, 1874.

This entire family was wiped out by a tornado on June 30, 1877.

- 3. Sarah E. G. Boaz, b. Dec. 10, 1844; d. May 6, 1847.
- 4. William Theodore Boaz, b. July 17, 1847; m. Margaret Harrell on Aug. 11, 1869. Went west and was never heard from.

VI. Bird Boaz, b. Jan. 12, 1817; m. _____.

VII. William Boaz, the fourth child of Daniel and Sally (Cody) Boaz, was born in Lexington, Ky., Apr. 18, 1818. On July 9, 1839, he married Mary Jane McClain, who was born at Brookville, Ind., Apr. 6, 1822. To this union were born six children:

- 1. William Boaz, b. _____. No record.
- 2. Crawford Boaz, b. _____. No record.
- 3. Charles Goodwin Boaz, b. _____, 1851; m. Jennie Wesley Reid, who was born Oct. 12, 1856. Children:

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- (1) Lula Boaz, b. Sept. 27, 1875; d. Jan. 10, 1880.
- (2) Charles William Boaz, b. July 20, 1877; m. Edna Belle Skinner, who was born Mar. 12, 1878, at Adamsboro, Mo. No children. Their home is in Saint Louis, Mo.
- (3) Roy Boaz, b. _____, 1880; d. May 27, 1885.
- (4) Harold Reid Boaz, b. Aug. 18, 1889; m. Mary Papet, 1912. Children:
 - a. Virginia Boaz, b. Oct. 19, 1912, Indianapolis, Ind.
 - b. Kathrine Boaz, b. Mar. 18, 1918, Indianapolis, Ind.
4. Burling Boaz, b. May 23, 1857; m. Carril Simmons. Three children:
 - (1) Burling Boaz, Jr., b. _____; m. _____.
 - (2) Ruth Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
 - (3) Ethel Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
5. Mary Jane Boaz, b. _____; m. John Ellis. No children.
6. Juna Emma Boaz, b. _____; m. Frank Vaille. Children:
 - (1) Frank Vaille, Jr., b. _____; m. _____.
 - (2) Madora Vaille, b. _____; m. _____.

VIII. Daniel Boaz, Jr., b. May 19, 1822; m. _____.

To Daniel and Lydia Boaz the following children were born:

IX. Martha G. Boaz, b. June 17, 1825; m. _____.

X. Monroe Boaz, b. Dec. 3, 1826; m. _____.

XI. Ketura Boaz, b. May 11, 1828; m. _____.

XII. Theodore D. Boaz, b. Apr. 1, 1830; m. _____.

XIII. Rebecca Boaz, b. Jan. 31, 1832; m. _____.

XIV. Anastasia Octavia Boaz, b. Jan. 25, 1834; m. _____.

XV. Fortina Boaz, b. Mar. 3, 1836; m. _____.

XVI. Marcus Antonius Boaz, b. June 15, 1838; m. _____.

C. SHADRACH BOAZ, 1785- (?)

Shadrach Boaz, the son of Abednego Boaz, was born, according to the information secured by John D. E. Boaz, about 1785. No further information has come to the writer. He was doubtless born in Buckingham County.

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D. MESHACH BOAZ, 1787- (?)

Meshach Boaz, the son of Abednego Boaz, was born in Buckingham County, Virginia, about 1787. He and his brother, Shadrach, were grandsons of the original Thomas Boaz, who settled in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1749.

E. ABEDNEGO BOAZ, 1788 (?)

Abednego Boaz of 1788, the son of Abednego Boaz of 1754, has left in our records no definite date of his birth, education, or the name of his wife or when they were married. The records of his county, Buckingham, were destroyed by fire to 1869. We have the names of his six children, as follows:

- I. Fannie, about whom we have no information.
- II. Betsie, married Abe Rok. Nothing further is known of her.
- III. Agnes, married William Row and had six children.
- IV. William, no information.
- V. Macon, nothing.
- VI. Levi, b. 1815; d. 1907; m. Margaret Monrow, daughter of Malcolm and Margaret (Black) Monrow. Her parents were of Scotch-Irish descent. To this union six children were born, namely:

1. Ann Josephine, who married W. T. Prickett. They had five children:

- (1) Levi.
- (2) Alex.
- (3) John.
- (4) Celeta.
- (5) Cordelia.

2. Margaret Frances, who married a Mr. Little. They had two children, namely:

- (1) Dodridge.
- (2) Fannie.

3. Colin Alexander, who married Celeta Ann Trimble, daughter of John and Jane (Simmons) Trimble. They had six children:

- (1) Mary Ardella, who married I. F. Pullen. They had two children:
 - a. Emory.
 - b. Vergie.

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- (2) Floyd Levi, who died early in life.
- (3) Arena, b. 1877, who married S. E. Richardson in 1896. They have five children:
 - a. Harold Fay, b. 1900; m. Sue Thompson, 1919.
 - b. Thelma Irene, who married L. Durbyshire.
 - c. Stephen Ernest, b. 1908.
 - d. Fredrick Clinton, b. 1913.
 - e. Nathan Falk, b. 1921.
- (4) Exar Ann, b. 1883, who died early in life.
- (5) John Trimble, b. 1886, who married Chloe Baker, daughter of Ed. Baker. They had three children, namely:
 - a. J. T.
 - b. Cathrine.
 - c. Ada.
- (6) Celeta Grady, b. 1890; m. Gus Clark. They had two children:
 - a. Gus Colin, b. 1920.
 - b. Celeta, b. 1922.
- 4. Mary Elizabeth, about whom we have no information.
- 5. Sarah Adline, who married a Mr. Bryant. One child, William.
- 6. Drucilla Jaima, who married a Mr. Royston. They had two children: Alex and Levi. After the death of Mr. Royston she married a Mr. Suggarts.

Levi Boaz, 1815-1907, was a very religious man, loved by all who knew him. He was tall and dignified. A native of Virginia but immigrated to Alabama and continued to live there.

Colin Alexander Boaz, the son of Levi Boaz, was a native of Talladega, Alabama, but immigrated to Arkansas. He attended the Arkansas Industrial University (now the University of Arkansas) and practiced medicine in Clark County, Arkansas.

F. WILLIAM BOAZ, 1788 (?) - (?)

William Boaz, son of Abednego Boaz, was born, perhaps in Buckingham County, Virginia, about 1788. Nothing further is known at this time about him or his descendants.

G. MARSHALL BOAZ, 1789 (?) - (?)

Marshall Boaz, son of Abednego Boaz, was born, perhaps in Buck-

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ingham County, Virginia, about 1789. No further information do we have concerning him or his descendants.

H. MIGNON BOAZ, 1790 (?) - (?)

According to authentic information furnished me by Smiley Boaz of Henryetta, Oklahoma, Mignon Boaz was also a son of Abednego Boaz, who was the son of Thomas Boaz, 1721-1791. He was born in Kentucky, married Sallie Pope, and went as a Baptist missionary preacher to Bartholomew County, Indiana, about 1818. He crossed the Ohio River on horseback at a point near Madison, went north to Columbus (Bartholomew County), which at that time consisted of only two small trading stores, and selected a site for a home six miles north of Columbus in an area later called "Haw-patch." Cleared ground and built a round-log cabin. He gave two acres of his land for a church and a cemetery and established a Baptist Church. He preached at this church and, in addition to farming, traveled over the neighboring country on horseback and established and preached at other Baptist churches. To him and his wife six children were born:

- I. James Boaz, b. _____, in Kentucky; m. Jerucia Gardner. Moved to Indiana with his father and to Kansas after he was grown. Farmer and stock raiser. Nine children:

1. Sarah Elizabeth Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
2. Lidda Margaret Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
3. Martha Ellen Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
4. Samuel Huston Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
5. Laury Arabel Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
6. Alcinda Jane Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
7. James Noel Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
8. Bradford Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
9. Julia Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

- II. Elijah Boaz, b. _____, in Kentucky; m. Polly Watts. Moved to Indiana with his father. In later years, took family in covered wagon and traveled from place to place, a rolling stone. Apparently was not ordained but preached as a Seventh Day Adventist. Twelve children:

1. Sarah Jane Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
2. Nancy Malinda Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
3. Mary Ancella Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
4. Rachel Minerva Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
5. Elizabeth Rains Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

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6. Margaret Lavina Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
 7. Lucetta Agnes Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
 8. Henrietta Dorcas Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
 9. Elijah Calloway Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
 10. James Mignon Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
 11. Matilda Alice Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
 12. Joseph Martin Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
- III. Margaret Boaz, b. _____, in Indiana; m. Maleeliel Henry and moved to Iowa.
- IV. Simeon Boaz, b. July 16, 1821; d. May 2, 1892; m. Mary Phillips. Birthplace, Bartholomew County, Ind., where all his children were born. No formal schooling; home-taught. Farmer—stayed on home place. Deacon in Baptist Church. Was much interested in education; contributed to and assisted in establishing endowment fund for Franklin College (a Baptist college) at Franklin, Ind. Sent three children to Ladoga College, Ladoga, Ind., and two to Franklin College. Was a charter member of Odd Fellows Lodge in Columbus, Ind. Thirteen children:
1. Caroline Boaz, b. May 8, 1842; d. Oct. 14, 1926. Attended Ladoga College. Taught school at Sugar Valley, Ga., for four or five years, living there with her great-uncle, Meshach. Returned to Indiana and on Mar. 14, 1880, married Joseph Hester, a carpenter; moved to Shelbyville, Ind.
 2. Emily Boaz, b. Apr. 10, 1844; d. Sept. 5, 1844.
 3. Welcome Boaz, b. Nov. 7, 1845; d. Dec. 17, 1867, while attending Ladoga College.
 4. Infant, b. 1847; died at birth.
 5. Amanda Boaz, b. Feb. 15, 1848; d. Apr. 19, 1868. Attended Ladoga College.
 6. Callie Boaz, b. Apr. 26, 1850; d. Mar. 13, 1884; Dec. 15, 1872, m. Garah Richardson, a lawyer, and moved to Lincoln, Neb. Husband was not a financial success and her father had to help them repeatedly. Only child, Ralph, while visiting his paternal grandfather in Kansas, fell off load of hay and injured head. Never regained health and finally died in asylum at Norman, Okla.
 7. Julia Boaz, b. Sept. 12, 1851; d. Feb. 19, 1852.
 8. Isabelle Boaz, b. Mar. 10, 1853; d. Jan. 18, 1939; Sept. 7,

1876, m. George Fisher, a farmer; lived in Indiana, near Vernon. Three children:

- (1) Stella Fisher.
- (2) Carrie Fisher.
- (3) Harold Fisher.

9. Spencer Boaz, b. May 6, 1855; d. Jan. 25, 1930. Attended Franklin College, Franklin, Ind. Dec. 28, 1875, m. Artie Dooly. For about twelve years farmed land adjoining father's place. Put up first cross-country telephone line in that area, from his farm to his father's. Moved to Noblesville, Ind. Bought furniture and undertaking business there and then went to Saint Louis for study and was licensed as an embalmer. Later moved to Wichita, Kan., and entered undertaking business there. At one time was state president of Kansas Embalmers' Association. Finally moved back to Indiana and died at Indianapolis. Four children:

- (1) Edna Boaz, deceased.
- (2) Harry Boaz, retired U.S. Mail Clerk, now living in Indianapolis, Ind.
- (3) Clarence Boaz, owner of hardware store, Los Angeles, Calif.
- (4) Esther Boaz, married and living in Philadelphia, Pa.

10. Infant, b. 1857; died at birth.

11. Laura Boaz, b. Feb. 11, 1859; d. Apr. 5, 1861.

12. Omar Boaz, b. Oct. 8, 1862; d. Oct. 14, 1865.

13. Smiley Chambers Boaz, b. Aug. 16, 1866. Attended Franklin College and Kentucky University Business College at Lexington, Ky. Married Oct. 13, 1888, Gettie LaRue. First jobs were as bookkeeper for Oronoco Furniture Company and other firms at Columbus, Ind. In 1891 left town to go back to farm to care for father and run farm. Moved back to Columbus in 1893—bicycle shop. In 1894 bought farm near North Vernon, Ind., and farmed until 1904 when he moved to East Columbus, Ind. In addition to managing store, worked as coffee salesman. April, 1906, went to Oklahoma City, Okla., as a salesman for Dayton scales. August, 1906, removed to Henryetta, Okla., and worked as hoist engineer in coal mines for

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eight years. In 1914 started the Henryetta fire department. First four years, furnished all equipment at own expense. Built up fire department until, when he retired in 1935, had five paid men and three pieces of motor apparatus, trucks and pumps, in addition to volunteers. Still continues as advisor to fire department. Two children:

- (1) Clyde Elwood Boaz, b. Jan. 3, 1891. B.S. in Electrical Engineering, Purdue University. Married Grace Anderson; no children. Now living in Lewiston, N. Y.; production manager for the Titanium Alloy Manufacturing Company, Niagara Falls.
- (2) Nida Irene Boaz, b. Feb. 21, 1896. LL.B., Tulsa Law School. Corporate Secretary of Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Tulsa, Okla.

V. Sally Ann Boaz, b. _____; m. Warren Keith. Died shortly after marriage.

VI. Wilson Noel Boaz, b. _____; m. Emily Chandler. Farmer. Six children:

1. Charles Boaz, b. July 19, 1854. Graduated from Franklin College, Franklin, Ind. Three years later he was given the degree of Master of Arts. During 1883-84 he took a course in Theology. He also took a medical course in the Chicago Homeopathic College, graduating in 1891, and located in Mattoon, Ill. There he lived and practiced his profession. In order to keep abreast of the times he frequently took postgraduate courses. In 1910 he graduated from the Chicago College in the treatment of the eye and ear. He was an active member of the Baptist Church and the author of a popular songbook. In his early years he was the pastor of Baptist churches. When his voice failed he took up the practice of medicine.
2. Mignon Boaz, b. _____; m. _____. He was a bank cashier in Hope, Ind.
3. Simeon Boaz, b. _____; m. _____. He was a farmer near Columbus, Ind.
4. Miranda Boaz, b. _____; m. _____ McCullough, a farmer.
5. Asa Boaz, b. _____; m. _____. He was also a farmer near Columbus, Ind.

CHAPTER X

THE FOUR DAUGHTERS OF THOMAS AND AGNES BOAZ

THE record concerning these four daughters is very meager. No date is given for the birth or death of any one of them nor of their marriage. Only the surnames of the men they married are given but nothing of where they lived or how many children were born to them. It is unfortunate that so little is known of them and their descendants. After observing the dates of the birth of the sons of Thomas and Agnes Boaz the following is the best that can be guessed about them.

Gemima was born about 1747 and married a man by the name of Jennings.

Polly was born about 1753 and married _____ Brooks.

Agnes was born about 1755 and married _____ Still.

Nellie was born about 1757 and married _____ Connor.

It appears that when they married and assumed other names they lost their identity with the scribes that were keeping the records of the Boaz family. They lived and prospered, no doubt, as did their brothers, and left children behind them to serve and bless the world but who and where they are is not known to this scribe.

CHAPTER XI

OTHER BOAZ FAMILIES

IN the preceding pages each member of the Boaz family has been definitely traced back to the original THOMAS BOAZ who came to this country in 1748 and settled in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, in 1749. Other families of our name have been found who cannot be authentically traced back to him. In several branches of the Boaz family has been found a tradition that there were three Boaz brothers who came to this country in the long ago, one of them settling in Pennsylvania and the other two in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Since there are many Boazes who cannot trace their ancestry back to THOMAS BOAZ the tradition may be true. Some of them are still living in Pittsylvania County and, without doubt, are closely related to the descendants of THOMAS BOAZ. Others immigrated to different parts of the country and settled on farms in the new sections that were being opened for settlement in those early days. We have authentic information about some of them that ought to be included in this story of the Boaz family in America. It is regretted that we do not have definite information about many of them who left Pittsylvania County for other states.

THOMAS BOAZ, 1785-1852

Thomas Boaz was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, about 1785. It has not been possible to learn the name of his father nor the exact date and place of his birth. The Pittsylvania County Marriage Records, 1767-1864, page 25, show that he married Barbary Innman on February 2, 1816. It appears that he was a successful farmer and acquired a lot of land. To him and his wife were born four children: Hezekiah, Thomas I., David W., and Sallie A. In the Pittsylvania County Will Book 2, pages 148 and 149, is found his will which bequeathes his estate to his wife, Barbary (Innman) Boaz, and his four children—Hezekiah Boaz, Thomas I. Boaz, David W. Boaz, and Sallie A. (Boaz) Hadley—and to the following grandchildren: Martha A., Parthenia J., and Barbary S. Johnson. The three sons were appointed executors of the estate. The will was dated September 18, 1851, and probated on September 20, 1852. What became of his daughter and two of his sons and their descendants is

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not known. One of his sons, Hezekiah Boaz, remained in Pittsylvania County and prospered.

HEZEKIAH BOAZ, 1819-1895

Hezekiah Boaz was born in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, January 29, 1819; died February 25, 1895. Like his father he was a very successful farmer and businessman and accumulated a large estate for that time. To each one of his children, at the time of marriage, he gave a good farm and settled them near his own home. The records of the Strawberry Baptist Church in Pittsylvania County show that he joined the Church on May 13, 1875. He was a prominent man in his community and very influential. On September 5, 1842, he married Dicey Myers. To him and his wife twelve children were born, namely: William T., John, Daniel, Thomas, George, Ella, James Edward, Doc Whitfield, Francis, Samuel, Sarah, and Jane. To nine of these children large families were born, most of whom still live in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

1. William T. Boaz (Perkins), b. May 21, 1845; d. May 10, 1862.
2. John Boaz, b. Oct. 30, 1846; d. Oct. 26, 1918; m. Kate Muriel.

He was a prosperous farmer and a good citizen. Children:

- (1) Emma Boaz, b. _____; m. James C. Mitchell.

Children:

- a. John Mitchell.
- b. Lilly Mitchell.
- c. Rupert Mitchell.
- d. Gaston Mitchell.
- e. Tommie Mitchell.
- f. Herbert Mitchell.
- g. James Mitchell.
- h. Annie Mitchell.
- i. Esther Mitchell.
- j. Ruth Mitchell.

- (2) Elmo Boaz, b. June 22, 1873; died unmarried.
- (3) Dora Boaz, b. May 31, 1875; m. Robert Clark. Children:
 - a. Fedora Clark.
 - b. Mary Clark.
- (4) Maud Boaz, b. Mar. 22, 1877; m. Pat Payne; d. 1948.
No children.
- (5) Cabell Boaz, b. July 22, 1878. Farmer. Unmarried.

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- (6) Acree Boaz, b. May 24, 1880; m. Lilian Gilbert. One child:
- a. James Boaz.
- (7) Minnie Boaz, b. Feb. 11, 1882; m. W. M. Myers. Twelve children:
- a. Cathrine Myers.
 - b. Virginia Myers.
 - c. Pauline Myers.
 - d. Madison Myers.
 - e. G. W. Myers.
 - f. Daniel Myers.
 - g. Estelle Myers.
 - h. Woodrow Myers.
 - i. James Myers.
 - j. Thomas Myers.
 - k. Robert Myers.
 - l. Kate Myers.
- (8) Octavius Boaz, b. Sept. 14, 1884; m. Posey Myers. Nine children:
- a. Elmer Boaz, b. _____.
 - b. Vernon Boaz, b. _____; m. Rebecca Gatewood.
 - c. Harold Boaz, b. _____.
 - d. Irvine Boaz, b. _____; Corporal in U.S. Army, World War II.
 - e. Gladys Boaz, b. _____; m. White Gatewood.
Two children:
 - (a) Barbary Gatewood.
 - (b) Patsy Gatewood.
 - f. Lucile Boaz, b. _____.
 - g. Randolph Boaz, b. _____; m. Pauline Little, Two children:
 - (a) Ann Boaz.
 - (b) Lee Boaz.
 - h. Clyde Boaz, b. _____. Sgt. and Tail Gunner in World War II. Killed in action.
 - i. Maurice Boaz, b. _____. Pfc., Infantry, World War II.
- (9) Oscar Boaz, b. Mar. 23, 1886; m. Bertha Walton.

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(10) Blanche Boaz, b. Nov. 2, 1888; m. Cook Boaz. One child:

a. Ruby Boaz.

(11) Overby Boaz, b. Apr. 17, 1890; m. Velma Boaz. Five children:

a. Elizabeth Boaz, b. _____; m. Charlie Ohler. One child:

(a) Billy Ohler.

b. Kathrine Boaz, b. _____; m. Bill Pruitt.

c. Pauline Boaz, b. _____; deceased.

d. John Boaz, b. _____; m. Bettie Ledbetter.

John was in the Coast Guard in World War II.

e. Ruth Mae Boaz, b. _____.

(12) Mortimer Boaz, b. June 10, 1892. Killed by a falling tree when a youth.

3. Daniel Boaz, b. Feb. 20, 1847; d. Apr. 26, 1920; m. Elizabeth Harris. Eight children:

(1) Ophelia Boaz, b. Apr. 14, 1874; m. Thomas Blair. Two children:

a. Elizabeth Blair, b. _____; m. Guy Ashworth. Three children:

(a) Edith Ashworth.

(b) Ann Ashworth, deceased.

(c) Blair Ashworth.

b. Evelyn Blair.

(2) Humphrey Boaz, b. Feb. 24, 1880; m. Mae Whitmore, who died; then m. Nettie Sparks. No children.

(3) Nora Boaz, b. Aug. 11, 1883; m. Wood Fuller. Four children:

a. Carlton Fuller, b. _____; d. _____; m. Mary Riddle. Two children:

(a) Joyce Fuller.

(b) Shirley Fuller.

b. Harold Fuller, b. _____; m. Lucile Jefferson. One child:

(a) Gerald Fuller; m. Johnny Giles Oakes.

c. Alvis Fuller, b. _____; m. Martha Angel. No children.

d. Helen Fuller, b. _____; m. Blair Worsham. Two children:

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- (a) Helen Worsham.
- (b) Dale Worsham.
- (4) Lipscomb Boaz, b. Aug. 20, 1886. Died without issue.
- (5) Lillian Boaz, b. May 29, 1889; m. Buford Oakes. Four children:
 - a. Bernard Oakes, b. _____; Sgt. in World War II; m. Cathrine Winn. One child:
 - (a) Judy Oakes.
 - b. Lucile Oakes, b. _____; m. John Smith. Two children:
 - (a) Kenneth Smith.
 - (b) Jerry Smith.
 - c. Christine Oakes, b. _____; m. Leonard Herndon, Jr. One child:
 - (a) Betty Lynn Herndon.
 - d. Vyra Oakes, b. _____; m. Frank Yates. One child:
 - (a) Vyra Jean Yates.
- (6) Benjamin Boaz, b. May 26, 1895; m. Virginia Lacey. Benjamin is an electrician. Two children:
 - a. Doris Boaz, b. _____; m. James Crutchfield, Petty Officer 3rd Class, Sea Bees, World War II.
 - b. Ray Boaz, b. _____. Pfc, Marines, World War II. Dead.
- (7) Velma Boaz, b. _____; m. Overby Boaz.
- (8) Tracy Boaz, b. Oct. 31, 1900; m. Pearle Arnn. Two children:
 - a. Mildred Boaz, b. _____; m. Bill Brittle. One child:
 - (a) Leslie K. Brittle.
 - b. Frances Boaz, b. _____; m. Walter Gillan.
- 4. Thomas Boaz, b. Dec. 21, 1848. No record left.
- 5. George Boaz, b. Oct. 31, 1849; d. Jan. 2, 1927; m. Lucy Murrell. Ten children:
 - (1) John Boaz, b. Aug. 21, 1871. Died unmarried.
 - (2) Alice Boaz, b. June 13, 1873. Died unmarried.
 - (3) James Boaz, b. Nov. 29, 1875; m. Lula English. No children.
 - (4) Singleton Boaz, b. May 17, 1878. Deceased.

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(5) Roy Boaz, b. Dec. 28, 1879; m. Nora Jackson. Eight children:

a. Janie Boaz, b. _____; m. David McHaney.

Three children:

(a) Oneal McHaney.

(b) Ralph McHaney.

(c) Marie McHaney.

b. Lucy Boaz, b. _____; m. Johnnie Payne.

Six children:

(a) Kathrine Payne.

(b) John T. Payne.

(c) Dorothy Payne.

(d) Morris Payne.

(e) Nancy Payne.

(f) Jerry Payne.

c. Garland Boaz, b. _____; m. Janie Glass.

d. Annie Mae Boaz, b. _____; m. Curtis

Ayers. Two children.

(a) Harold Ayers.

(b) Celia Ayers.

e. Lula Boaz, b. _____; m. Raymond Thomas. Two children:

(a) Nancy Thomas.

(b) Arthur Thomas.

f. Mary Boaz, b. _____; m. George Crist.

Two children:

(a) Patricia Crist.

(b) Shirley Crist.

g. Ted Boaz, b. _____. Died when a boy.

h. Bertie Boaz, b. _____; m. Russell Settle.

No children.

(6) Annie Boaz, b. June 8, 1882. Died unmarried.

(7) Sudie Boaz, b. July 24, 1884; m. Letcher Bryant. Two children:

a. Cecil Bryant, b. _____; m. Winston C. Thompson, who died; then m. Harold Roach. With Ground Force in World War II.

b. Landon Ambrose Bryant, b. _____; m. Louise Neal. Three children:

(a) Wallace Dunn Bryant.

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(b) Landon Ambrose Bryant, Jr.

(c) Thomas Douglass Bryant.

(8) Ella Boaz, b. Sept. 19, 1888; m. Pat Payne. Three children:

a. Harry Payne, b. _____; m. Gertrude Riddle. Three children:

(a) Melvin Payne.

(b) Peggy Payne.

(c) Marie Payne.

b. Weldon Payne, b. _____; m. Eliza Bradner. One child:

(a) Linda Payne.

c. Wilbur Payne, b. _____; m. Cordie Wells. Two children:

(a) Bobby Payne.

(b) Betty Payne.

(9) Mazie Boaz, b. Jan. 4, 1893; m. George Payne. Eight children:

a. Beulah Payne, b. _____; m. Robert Riddle. Three children:

(a) Billie Riddle.

(b) Lynwood Riddle.

(c) Bobbie Riddle.

b. Nellie Payne, b. _____; m. Leonard Powell. Four sons:

(a) Garnett Powell.

(b) Kenneth Powell.

(c) Jimmie Powell.

(d) Tommie Powell.

c. Lester Payne, b. _____; m. Frances Townsend. Two children:

(a) Herbert Payne.

(b) Howard Payne.

d. Curtis Payne, b. _____; m. Eunice Powell. Two children:

(a) Leroy Payne.

(b) Wayne Payne.

e. Carlton Payne, b. _____. Unmarried.

f. Annie Ruth Payne, b. _____; m. Bryce Osburn. One child:

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(a) Dianne Osburn.

g. Ella Mae Payne, b. _____; m. Clarence Hass.

h. Malcolm Payne, b. _____. Unmarried.

(10) Russell Boaz, b. Aug. 3, 1895; m. Mary Payne. One child:

a. Barbara Boaz, b. _____; m. Melvin Bryant.

6. Ella Boaz, b. July 16, 1851; m. George Oakes. Eight children:

(1) Cora Oakes, b. Nov. 9, 1871; m. S. J. Harris.

(2) Fannie Oakes, b. Feb. 7, 1873; died young.

(3) Mollie Oakes, b. Oct. 23, 1874; m. Sam Billings.

(4) John Oakes, b. July 8, 1876; m. Curtis Barbour. Three children:

a. Virginia Oakes, b. _____; m. Hedrick Holly.

b. Lawson Oakes, b. _____. Staff Sgt. World War II.

c. Elizabeth Oakes, b. _____; m. _____ Wells.

(5) Lonnie Oakes, b. Mar. 8, 1878; m. Dora Campbell. Two children:

a. Hasiltyne Oakes.

b. John C. Oakes. Intelligence Department in World War II.

(6) Albert Oakes, b. Nov. 2, 1879. Died unmarried.

(7) Callie Oakes, b. Oct. 10, 1881. Died unmarried.

(8) Daisy Oakes, b. Feb. 18, 1883. Died unmarried.

7. James Edward Boaz, b. Feb. 12, 1853; d. July 22, 1922; m. Julia Francis. Seven children:

(1) Lula Boaz, b. June 26, 1883. Died unmarried.

(2) Mary Boaz, b. July 1, 1884; m. Tom Dodd. Five children:

a. Walter Dodd, b. _____; m. Beulah Blair.

b. Edwin Dodd, b. _____; m. Eva Mitchell.

c. Patty Dodd, b. _____; m. Jess Rigney.

d. Perry Dodd, b. _____; m. Madie Reynolds.

Four children:

(a) Gene Dodd.

(b) Perry T. Dodd.

(c) Joyce Dodd.

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- (d) John Dodd.
- e. Hattie Mae Dodd, b. _____; m. Harold Stowe. Two children:
 - (a) Bettie Stowe.
 - (b) Harold T. Stowe.
- (3) William Boaz, b. Oct. 6, 1885. Died unmarried.
- (4) Cook Boaz, b. Nov. 3, 1887; m. Blanche Boaz. One child:
 - a. Ruby Boaz.
- (5) Hezekiah Boaz, b. May 17, 1890; m. Bessie Owens. Two children:
 - a. Frances Boaz, b. _____. Unmarried.
 - b. Melba Boaz, b. _____; m. Vernon Jones, Army Sgt., World War II. One child:
 - (a) Carolyn Jones.
- (6) Eddie Boaz, b. Nov. 25, 1891; m. Gladys Lewis. Four children:
 - a. Harold Boaz.
 - b. Edward Boaz.
 - c. Mildred Boaz.
 - d. Garland Boaz.
- (7) Julia Boaz, b. Sept. 21, 1895; m. Hobson McBride; d. 1948. No children.
- 8. Doc Whitfield Boaz, b. Jan. 10, 1855; d. May 11, 1935; m. Maggie Ray Harris. Five children:
 - (1) Lottie Boaz, b. June 23, 1886; m. Howard Wells. Fourteen children:
 - a. Margaret Wells, b. _____; m. Rev. R. C. Barbour.
 - b. Hylton Wells, b. _____; m. Irene Stowe. No children.
 - c. Herman Wells, b. _____; m. Myrtle Herndon. Four children:
 - (a) Irene Wells, b. _____; m. Eldridge Ferrell.
 - (b) Jean Wells.
 - (c) Ruth Wells.
 - (d) Ann Wells.
 - d. Pearle Wells, b. _____; m. Sam Herndon. Two children:

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- (a) Kenneth Herndon, b. _____; m. Jettye Wingfield.
- (b) Phylis Gale Herndon.
- e. Danie Wells, b. _____; m. Thomas McDaniel. One child:
 - (a) Barbara McDaniel, b. _____; m. Billie Hodges. One child: Tommie Dale Hodges.
- f. Neal Wells, b. _____. Deceased.
- g. Ethel Wells, b. _____; m. James Carter, U.S. Army, World War II. Three children:
 - (a) Shirley Carter.
 - (b) Nancy Carter.
 - (c) Gerald Carter.
- h. Pauline Wells, b. _____; m. Arnett Burch. Two children:
 - (a) Gypsy Dawn Burch.
 - (b) Michael Burch.
- i. Thelma Wells, b. _____; m. Irvin Martin, U.S. Army, World War II. Two children:
 - (a) Jerry Martin.
 - (b) Danny Kaye Martin.
- j. Everette Wells, b. _____; m. Emily Oakes. Two children:
 - (a) Johnny Wells.
 - (b) Rita Dee Wells.Everette served in U.S. Army in World War II.
- k. Stanford Wells, b. _____; m. Lois Gibson. One child:
 - (a) Linda Wells.Stanford served in U.S. Army in World War II.
- l. Arline Wells, b. _____; m. T. A. Parrish, who served in U.S. Army, World War II. Two children:
 - (a) Linda Parrish.
 - (b) Barry Wells Parrish.
- m. Lona Wells, b. _____. Burned to death.
- n. Randolph Wells, b. _____. Now (1949) in U.S. Army.

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(2) Mary Boaz, b. Feb. 24, 1890; m. Henry Harvey. Nine children:

- a. Aubrey Harvey, b. _____.
- b. Louise Harvey, b. _____; m. Kent Oliver.
- c. Julian Harvey, b. _____; Sgt. World War II; m. Anne Wright, who was a Wave in World War II.
- d. Inez Harvey, b. Jimmie Mays, U.S. Army. Two children:
 - (a) Betty Mays.
 - (b) Ann Mays.
- e. H. C. Harvey, b. _____; U.S. Marine; m. Garland Adkins. One child:
 - (a) Kathrine Harvey.
- f. Ruth Harvey, b. _____; m. John D. Willis. One son:
 - (a) Joel Willis.
- g. Elizabeth Harvey, b. _____; m. Gene Rodrigney.
- h. Iris Harvey, b. _____; m. Dillard Atkinson, Jr. One child:
 - (a) Donald Atkinson.
- i. Bobbie Harvey, b. _____. Unmarried.

(3) Effie Boaz, b. Nov. 15, 1896; m. Fred W. Lacey. Seven children:

- a. Godfrey Lacey, b. _____; m. Doris Winn. One child:
 - (a) Melvin Lacey.
- b. Garnett Lacey, b. _____; m. Mozelle Blair. Three children:
 - (a) Steve Lacey.
 - (b) Teddy Lacey.
 - (c) Ann Lacey.
- c. Helen Lacey, b. _____; m. Max Easley. Four children:
 - (a) Joan Easley.
 - (b) Lynwood Easley.
 - (c) Maxine Easley.
 - (d) Winnie Gale Easley.
- d. Landon Lacey, First Class Radio Man in World

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War II; m. Helen Cash. One child:

(a) Jimmie Lacey.

e. Virginia Lacey, b. _____; m. Elton Dodd.
Two children.

(a) Jerry Dodd.

(b) Tommie Dodd.

f. Margaret Lacey, b. _____; m. Charles B. Adams, Sgt. in U.S. Army, World War II. One son:

(a) Charles B. Adams, Jr.

g. Harold Lacey, b. _____; First Class Seaman, U.S. Navy.

(4) Sam W. Boaz, b. Dec. 24, 1899; m. Dellie Powell. One child:

a. Sam W. Boaz, Jr., Captain in Air Corps (Pilot), World War II; m. Rebecca Waldron. Two children:

(a) Sam Boaz III.

(b) Carol Boaz.

(5) Dicey Boaz, b. _____. Died in infancy.

9. Frances Boaz, b. Sept. 16, 1856; m. E. G. Walton. No children.
Died July 27, 1927.

10. Samuel Boaz, Oct. 20, 1858; d. Mar. 18, 1907; m. Josephine Francis. Six children:

(1) Joseph Boaz, b. Dec. 16, 1880; m. Mary Owen. Eight children:

a. Dewey Boaz, b. _____; m. Elizabeth Mike. Two children:

(a) Hassel Boaz.

(b) Virgie Boaz.

b. Lonnie Boaz, b. _____; m. Jennie Searce.
One child:

(a) Reginal Boaz.

c. Josephine Boaz, b. _____; m. Garfield Searce, Seaman.

d. Madeline Boaz, b. _____; m. Garnett Searce, Seaman. One child:

(a) Glen Searce.

e. Sammy Boaz, b. _____; m. Mae Smith.

f. John Boaz, b. _____; m. Birdie Payne.
Two children:

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(a) Jane Boaz.

(b) Johnny Boaz.

g. Lucile Boaz, b. _____; m. Charlie Baynes.
One child:

(a) Donald Baynes.

h. Raleigh Boaz, b. _____; m. Mildred Unger. He was Top Sgt., Army Tank Corps. Two children:

(a) Raleigh Boaz, Jr.

(b) Ronald Boaz.

(2) Hezekiah Boaz, b. Jan. 9, 1883. Died unmarried.

(3) Lula Boaz, b. May 4, 1884. Died unmarried.

(4) Tom Boaz, b. Jan. 30, 1887. Died unmarried.

(5) Willie Boaz, b. Nov. 20, 1889; m. Cora Nuckols, who died; later m. Ann Hundley. One child:

a. Ethel Boaz.

(6) Eugene Boaz, b. Aug. 29, 1897; m. Mary Austin. Six children:

a. Eugene Boaz, b. _____; m. Viola Hastin.
One child:

(a) Burel Boaz.

b. Doris Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

c. Cabell Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

d. Lona Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

e. Herman Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

f. Cathrine Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.

11. Sarah Boaz, b. July 10, 1861; d. May 16, 1928; m. S. J. Harris.
Seven children:

(1) William Harris, b. _____; m. Kate Reynolds.
Two children:

a. Kathrine Harris, b. _____; m. _____.

b. Garland Harris, b. _____; m. _____.

(2) Valeria Harris, b. Apr. 12, 1888; m. Joe Willis. Seven children:

a. Percy Willis, b. _____; m. Ava Merrich.
One child:

(a) Barbara Willis.

b. Virginia Willis, b. _____; m. Edmund Davis. Three children:

(a) J. W. Davis.

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(b) Nelson Davis.

(c) Anday Wayne Davis.

c. Robert Willis, b. _____; m. Wilma Davis.

Two children:

(a) June Willis.

(b) Carolyne Willis.

d. John D. Willis, b. _____; m. Ruth L. Harvey. One child:

(a) Joel Willis.

e. William Willis, b. _____; m. Lizzie Harsley. Two children:

(a) Loraine Willis.

(b) Tommy Willis.

f. Landy Willis, b. _____; m. Ruth Bryant. One child:

(a) Ellen Joe Willis.

g. Ann Willis, b. _____; m. Wade Gauldin. One child:

(a) Randy Gauldin.

(3) Alice Harris, b. _____; m. Muncie Stigall. Seven children:

a. Harry Stigall.

b. Mabel Stigall.

c. Irvin Stigall.

d. Albert Stigall.

e. Godfrey Stigall.

f. Ruby Stigall.

g. Alice Stigall.

(4) Percy Harris, b. _____; m. Florence Dove, who died. Later m. Nettie Paul. Three children:

a. Douglas Harris.

b. Kathrine Harris.

c. Gladys Harris.

(5) Bettie Harris, b. _____; m. William Jones.

(6) Nonie Harris, b. _____; m. Ad Jefferson.

(7) Hettie Harris, b. _____; m. Samuel Fisher.

Dead. Two children:

a. Samuel Fisher.

b. Kenneth Fisher.

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12. Jane Boaz, b. Jan. 14, 1864; d. Dec. 21, 1928; m. Henry P. Oakes. Six children:
- (1) Eva Oakes, b. Sept. 26, 1890. Unmarried.
 - (2) William Henry Oakes, b. Nov. 16, 1892; m. Mary Lovelace. Two children:
 - a. Eva Oakes, b. _____; m. Eugene Rover. One child:
 - (a) Rudolph Rover.
 - b. Calvin Oakes, b. _____.
 - (3) Lawson Oakes, b. Oct. 16, 1894; m. Charlotte Mitchell. Two children:
 - a. Emily Oakes, b. _____; m. Everett Wells. One son:
 - (a) Johnny Wells.
 - b. Margaret Oakes, b. _____; m. Melvin Martin.
 - (4) Ludie Oakes, b. Mar. 11, 1896; m. James Hundley. One adopted child:
 - a. Clinton Hundley.
 - (5) Frances Oakes, b. Oct. 6, 1898; m. Arthur Mitchell. Four children:
 - a. Agnes Mitchell.
 - b. Arthur Mitchell, Jr.
 - c. Celia Mitchell.
 - d. Clinner Mitchell.
 - (6) Jennings Oakes, b. Apr. 18, 1900; m. Johnnie Giles.

AMBROSE BOAZ

Ambrose Boaz was born in the state of Kentucky, perhaps in Graves County, about 1843. The exact time and place of his birth is not now known. He moved from Kentucky at some unknown date to Illinois. He died when his son, Henry E. Boaz, was fourteen years of age and his daughter, Emma Boaz, was twelve. At the time of the death of Ambrose Boaz his son and daughter were put in the hands of Thomas Austin as their guardian. For this reason but little is known about Ambrose Boaz and his antecedents. To whom he was married is not known. In the home of their guardian the two children grew to maturity.

- I. On reaching maturity Henry E. Boaz married Jessie Waters. To them five children were born:

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1. Ada Boaz, b. _____; m. _____. Children:
 (1) _____; m. _____.
 (2) _____; m. _____.
 (3) _____; m. _____.

2. Ruth Boaz, b. _____; m. _____. Children:
 (1) _____; m. _____.
 (2) _____; m. _____.
 (3) _____; m. _____.

3. Eunice Boaz, b. _____. Died in infancy.

4. Haskell Boaz, b. _____, 1901; m. Zeta Martin. Children:
 (1) _____, b. 1938; m. _____.
 (2) _____.

Haskell Boaz and his family now (1949) live in West Frankfort, Ill., where he is manager of the Coca-Cola Plant.

5. Howard Boaz, b. _____, 1905; m. Dorothy Waters. One child:

(1) Howard Dwight Boaz, b. _____, 1945.

Howard Boaz and family live in Glendale, Ill., where he has been in business for many years and is now (1949) the postmaster and has been since 1935.

- II. Emma Boaz, b. _____, 1870, near Golconda, Ill.; m. Harlan Page Hinton on Sept. 15, 1897; d. _____, 1912. Two children:

1. Harold Boaz Hinton, b. June 9, 1898, Frederick, Ill.; m. Eva Robertson on Nov. 23, 1920. He was graduated *in absentia* from the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., in 1917. At the time he was in the Air Service. He saw sixteen months' service in France as a Pursuit Pilot. At the close of World War I he took his M.A. from Vanderbilt University and entered newspaper work on the *Nashville Tennessean*. He joined the staff of the *New York Times* in 1921 and has been connected with that paper ever since except when on leave of absence for public service of various kinds.

In World War II he served with the Army Air Force from Apr., 1941, to Mar., 1946. Retired from active service as Colonel. Was Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2 (Intel-

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ligence), Headquarters Twelfth Air Force. Served for some time as Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, trying to help unify the American Armed Forces. He also had a leave of absence from his duties with the *New York Times* to serve as Assistant to Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy in London. He is the author of three books of note: *America Gropes for Peace*; *Cordell Hull, a Biography*; and *Air Victory*. His home at present (1949) is at 1425 Thirty-fourth Street, Washington, D. C. He and his wife have one son:

- (1) Harold Clendenin Hinton, b. in Paris, France, Oct. 26, 1924; m. Virginia Stodder, Dec. 28, 1946. One daughter:

- a. Mary Page Hinton, b. _____.

- Harold C. Hinton is a graduate from St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., and an A.B. graduate, *cum laude*, from Harvard University, granted *in absentia* while he was on duty as First Lieutenant with our Occupation Forces in Korea. He went there with the Headquarters of the XXI Corps from Okinawa after the surrender of Japan. After the close of World War II he entered the Graduate School of Harvard University and took his Ph.D. degree in June, 1949.

2. Dorothy Marian Hinton, b. May 4, 1901; m. William Emory Congleton, Oct. 8, 1919. Two children:

- (1) William Harold Congleton, b. Jan. 14, 1922; m. Margaret Ellen Anderson, _____ June, 1949. Their present address is 8040 Drexel Ave., Chicago.

- (2) Robert Bennett Congleton, b. Dec. 21, 1924; m. Marian Viola Harris, June 12, 1948. Present address, 1141 Fontaine Road, Lexington, Ky.

DANIEL BOAZ

According to information furnished the writer by Narel L. Boaz of Franklin, Indiana, Daniel Boaz with four brothers came from near Aberdeen, Scotland, to America early in the nineteenth century, settling in Virginia. In the fall of 1819 Daniel Boaz and family with one brother moved to Kentucky, following the trail of Daniel

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Boone. In the spring of 1820 he started again on the pioneer trail and settled in what is now Johnson County, Indiana. On July 19, 1820, he entered 160 acres of land and the next day 80 acres more, all near White River.

On December 31, 1822, Johnson County was organized and on March 8, 1823, the first election was held and Daniel Boaz and Israel Watts were elected Associate Justices, which office Daniel Boaz held for fourteen years. He was in demand as a preacher of the gospel and peacemaker. He and his wife lived and died on their farm and were there buried. To him and his wife the following children were born:

A. James Boaz; B. Cyrus Boaz; C. Chrevius Boaz; D. William Boaz. Concerning these four we have no record.

E. John C. Boaz, b. 1810; d. 1859; m. _____ Tressler. Children:

- I. Fannie Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
- II. Peter Boaz, b. _____; m. _____.
- III. Luella Boaz, b. _____; m. Nathan Lowe.
- IV. Marshall Boaz, _____; m. Margaret Harrell.
- V. Milton C. Boaz, b. 1839; d. 1909; m. Martha Jane Deer. Children: Alfred, John, William, Otis, Everett, and Narel.

1. Alfred A. Boaz, b. Jan. 14, 1863; d. Mar. 4, 1945; m. on Aug. 23, 1883, Mary Ellen Harris, b. Aug. 23, 1865; d. Apr. 12, 1934. Four children:

(1) Vera Vesta Boaz, b. Oct. 2, 1884; d. July 26, 1938; m. Daniel D. Zaring, Dec. 4, 1907.

One son:

a. Charles Keith Zaring, b. Nov. 21, 1912; m. Marion Grannem, July 21, 1933.

Two children:

(a) Robert Keith Zaring, b. Jan. 12, 1936.

(b) Janet Eline Zaring, b. _____.

(2) Guy Vestor Boaz, b. Nov. 14, 1885; m. Gertrude Nay, Nov. 16, 1909. No children.

(3) Zora Belle Boaz, b. Sept. 8, 1888; m. Grover Pittman, Mar. 17, 1924. No children.

(4) Laurence Leamer Boaz, b. Apr. 14, 1895; d. Sept. 8, 1895.

2. John Boaz, b. _____, 1865; d. 1938; m. Laura

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Laymon. After the death of Laura Boaz, he m. Anna Hensley. Children:

- (1) Henry Milton Boaz, b. _____.
- (2) Ross Boaz, b. _____; m. Mabel Parker.

3. William C. Boaz, b. Mar. 16, 1867; d. Feb. 22, 1923; m. on Aug. 27, 1890, Kate Dresslar, b. Jan. 26, 1866; d. July 19, 1933. Children:

- (1) Elba L. Boaz, b. May 25, 1891; m. Ruby Eckles, Apr. 13, 1923. Children:

- a. Margery Eckles, b. _____.
- b. William Eckles, b. _____.

- (2) Jacob M. Boaz, b. Apr. 3, 1893; m. Tressie Henderson, Dec. 29, 1915. One child:

- a. Catherine Boaz, b. June 24, 1919; m. on June 3, 1945, Gail Bridges, b. Feb. 5, 1918.

- (3) Maggie J. Boaz, b. June 1, 1895. Unmarried.

- (4) Florence M. Boaz, b. Dec. 16, 1898; m. Edgar Henderson, Feb. 22, 1919. Children:

- a. Forrest Henderson, b. _____; m. Donetta Doty.
- b. William Henderson, b. _____; m. Dorine Doty.

- (5) Mae C. Boaz, b. Apr. 23, 1902; m. Donald Laymon, Apr. 3, 1928. Children:

- a. Elsie Laymon, b. _____; m. Don Mitchell.
- b. Barbara Laymon, b. _____; m. _____.

Mae (Boaz) Laymon married Lawrence Schisley on June 28, 1947.

- (6) Flossie C. Boaz, b. July 26, 1905; m. Denzil Carroll, Oct. 13, 1928. One child:

- a. Henrietta Carroll, b. _____.

- (7) Edna L. Boaz, b. May 12, 1907. Unmarried.

- (8) Howard H. Boaz, b. Feb. 19, 1910. Unmarried.

4. Otis Emory Boaz, b. Mar. 23, 1869; d. Aug. 25,

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1938; m. Lillie Vaughn, June 11, 1891, who d. Apr. 3, 1943. Four children:

(1) Runa Agnes Boaz, b. Apr. 19, 1892; m. Cecil Simpson, Jan. 3, 1913. One child:

a. Lewis Carl Simpson, b. Mar. 9, 1914; m. Rachel Cook, Aug. 31, 1940. One child:

(a) Lillie Jane Simpson, b. Mar. 27, 1941.

(2) Vaughn Boaz, b. June 20, 1896; d. Aug. 28, 1898.

(3) Friday Jewel Boaz, b. Sept. 22, 1899; m. Charles Smith, Dec. 2, 1920. They had one child, a son, who died in infancy.

(4) Lola Myra Elizabeth Boaz, b. Feb. 28, 1904; m. Ansil E. Stipp, Jan. 27, 1925. One child:
a. Garnett Marie Stipp, b. Sept. 9, 1925; m. Delmer Cox, Nov. 11, 1947.

5. Everett Boaz, b. 1871; d. 1934; m. Minnie Taylor. Six children:

(1) Sylvia Boaz, b. _____; m. Lossin Parkhurst. One child: Leta Parkhurst, b. _____. After the death of Lossin Parkhurst Sylvia m. Carl Legan. One child: Billy Legan.

(2) Goldie Boaz, b. _____; m. Levi Etter. Three children: Bettie, Janice, and Wayne Etter.

(3) Charles Boaz, b. _____; m. Mabel Bills.

(4) Carlos Boaz, b. _____; m. _____. Children: Bethney and Bruce Boaz.

(5) Christine Boaz, b. _____; m. Russell Rund. Four children: Norma, Marylan, Rodger, and Karen Rund.

(6) Ralph Boaz, b. _____; m. Helen Bills. Three children: Patricia, Donna, and Linda Boaz.

6. Narel Boaz, b. 1875; m. Laura Lyster, Oct. 2, 1895. Three children:

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- (1) Iliff Boaz, b. 1897; m. Ethel Larhman. One child:
 - a. Mary Boaz, b. June 27, 1923; m. Raymond Robinson.
- (2) Martha Margaret Boaz, b. 1899; m. Raymond Byers. Two children:
 - a. Raymond N. Byers, b. Jan. 1, 1921; m. Mildred Powell.
 - b. Carol Rae Byers, b. Jan. 10, 1945.After the death of her first husband Martha (Boaz) Byers m. Russell Purdy.
- (3) Mary Blanche Boaz, b. Mar. 22, 1904; m. J. D. Shutters. Children:
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 - b. Dick Shutters, b. Aug. 15, 1932 (an adopted son).

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